

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE

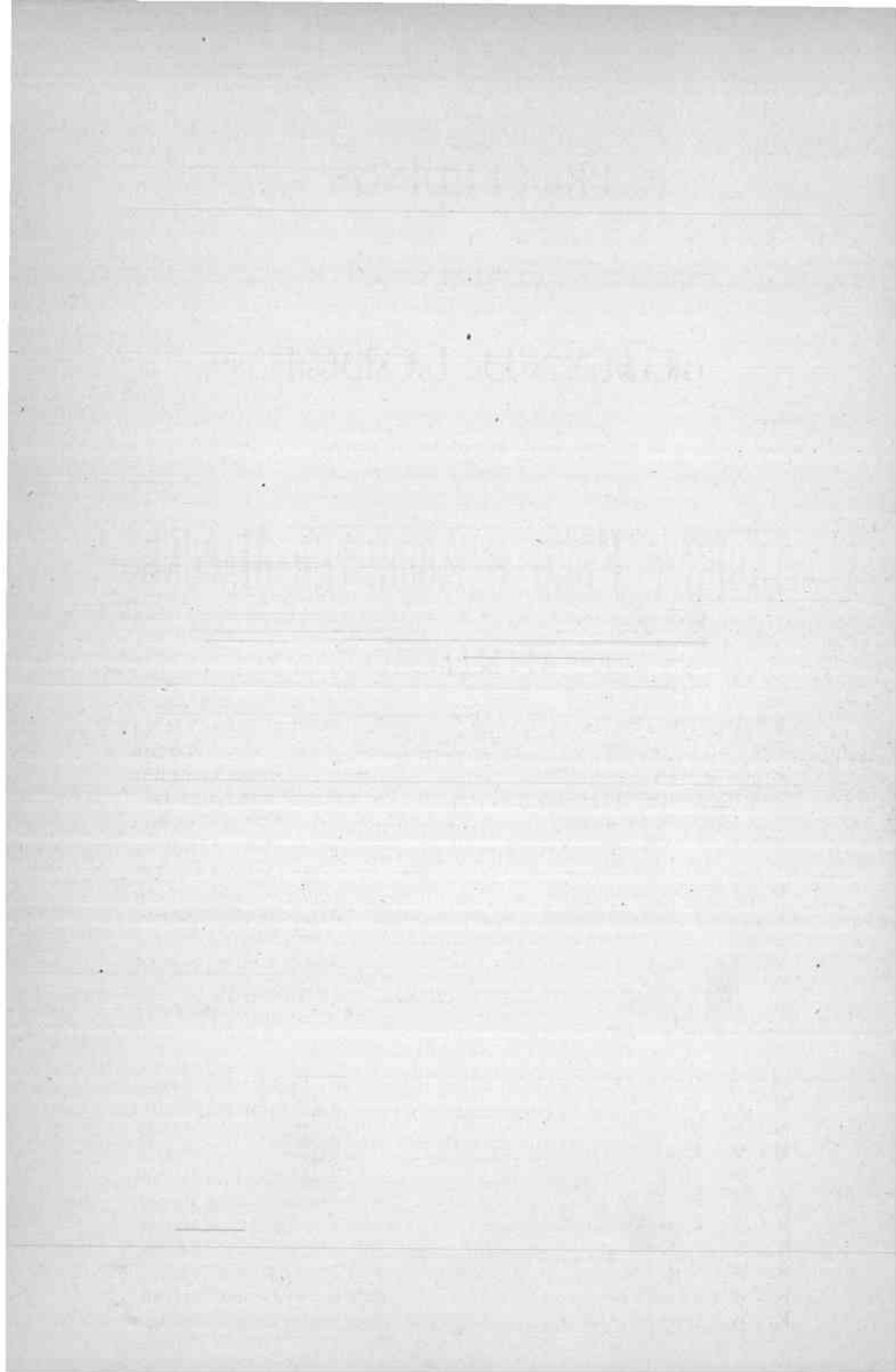
OF
ANCIENT FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS
OF MINNESOTA

AT ITS
THIRTY-SEVENTH GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,
HELD IN THE CITY OF ST. PAUL, JAN. 15, 16
AND 17, A. D. 1890, A. . L. . 5890.

ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL THE LODGES.

M. . W. . JACOB A. KESTER, G. . M. ., Blue Earth City.
R. . W. . THOMAS MONTGOMERY, G. . S. ., St. Paul.

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GRAND LODGE OF MINNESOTA.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

A special communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota, A. F. & A. M., was held in Masonic Hall, at St. Paul, on the twenty-ninth day of November, 1889, at 1 o'clock P. M.

PRESENT:

M. W. J. A. KESTER.....	Grand Master.
R. W. A. BARTO.....	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. GEO. H. DAVIS, as.....	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. C. D. BOYCE.....	Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. J. H. THOMPSON.....	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. THOS. MONTGOMERY, as.....	Grand Secretary.
W. L. D. BOYNTON.....	Grand Chaplain.
W. GEO. S. ACKER, as.....	Grand Marshal.
W. L. W. FOLSOM.....	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. J. E. COOLEY.....	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. W. T. RIGBY, as.....	Grand Standard Bearer.
W. E. S. PETTIJOHN.....	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. C. T. BAXTER.....	Senior Grand Steward.
W. FRED JOSS, as.....	Junior Grand Steward.
W. J. C. FISCHER.....	Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. CHARLES GRISWOLD.....	Past Grand Master.
M. W. E. W. DURANT.....	Past Grand Master.
M. W. H. R. WELLS.....	Past Grand Master.
M. W. C. H. BENTON.....	Past Grand Master.
M. W. H. R. DENNY.....	Past Grand Master.
R. W. W. T. RIGBY.....	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. C. H. DAVIS.....	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. S. E. ADAMS.....	Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. WM. LEE.....	Past Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. FRED JOSS.....	Past Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. GEO. S. ACKER.....	Past Junior Grand Warden.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form. The Grand Master then addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

I have called you together to-day in special communication, for the purpose of performing a most solemn duty.

Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, P. . G. . M. . of this jurisdiction and for the past fourteen years R. . W. . Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, departed this life at 3 o'clock in the morning of the 26th inst., in the seventy-third year of his age.

We meet to-day to consign his remains to their last resting place on earth, agreeably to the ancient forms and ceremonies of our fraternity. Bro. Pierson has held worthily the highest official honors that Masonry can confer.

He was the most learned, most honored and most widely known Mason in the Northwest. In every department, field and branch of Masonry he was a most skilled and master workman. He had devoted his life to the good cause of Masonry, and died at his post with his pen almost literally in his hand. His patriarchal presence, his genial smile, his fraternal greetings, his sage counsels, we shall enjoy no more on earth forever.

For what he did in life for Masonry, especially in this jurisdiction, let there be lasting and grateful remembrance. At some future time we shall pay a fuller and more fitting tribute to his memory.

Solemn labors now claim our immediate attention. As soon as informed of the demise of Bro. Pierson, the necessary steps were taken to provide for his proper and fitting burial. A meeting of the presiding officers of the different local lodges of this city was held yesterday with I. B. B. Sprague, Master of Ancient Landmark Lodge, as chairman, and local committees were appointed. The General Supervisory Committee consists of: Bro. I. B. B. Sprague, Ancient Landmark Lodge, Chairman; Dr. George R. Metcalf, K. P. Cullen, St. Paul Lodge; Geo. Brookings, Braden Lodge; John Dale, Shekinah Lodge; Walter Holcomb, Summit Lodge; W. M. Todd, Midway Lodge; W. P. Jewett, High Priest of Minnesota Royal Arch Chapter; G. W. Merrill, High Priest of Summit Royal Arch Chapter; W. H.

Sanborn, Grand Commander of Knights Templar; W. M. Bushnell, Eminent Commander of Damascus Commandery, No. 1; W. H. S. Wright, Eminent Commander of Paladin, No. 21; Sir Knights R. C. Munger and Geo. S. Acker.

The Grand Commandery Knights Templar and subordinate commanderies will act as escort to the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons will also assist in the ceremonies and join in the procession. The procession will be formed by Bro. Geo. S. Acker, Acting Grand Marshal, and proceed to the residence of our deceased brother, and bear from thence his remains to the Peoples Church, where religious services will be conducted by Bro. S. G. Smith, our Grand Orator, and thence we shall proceed to Oakland Cemetery, and with the honors of Masonry consign the remains of our venerable brother to their mother earth.

I have designated as pall bearers, P. : G. : Masters H. R. Wells, Chas. Griswold, C. H. Benton, H. R. Denny, E. W. Durant, P. : S. : G. : W. : S. E. Adams, and Past Masters W. P. Murray and Freeman James.

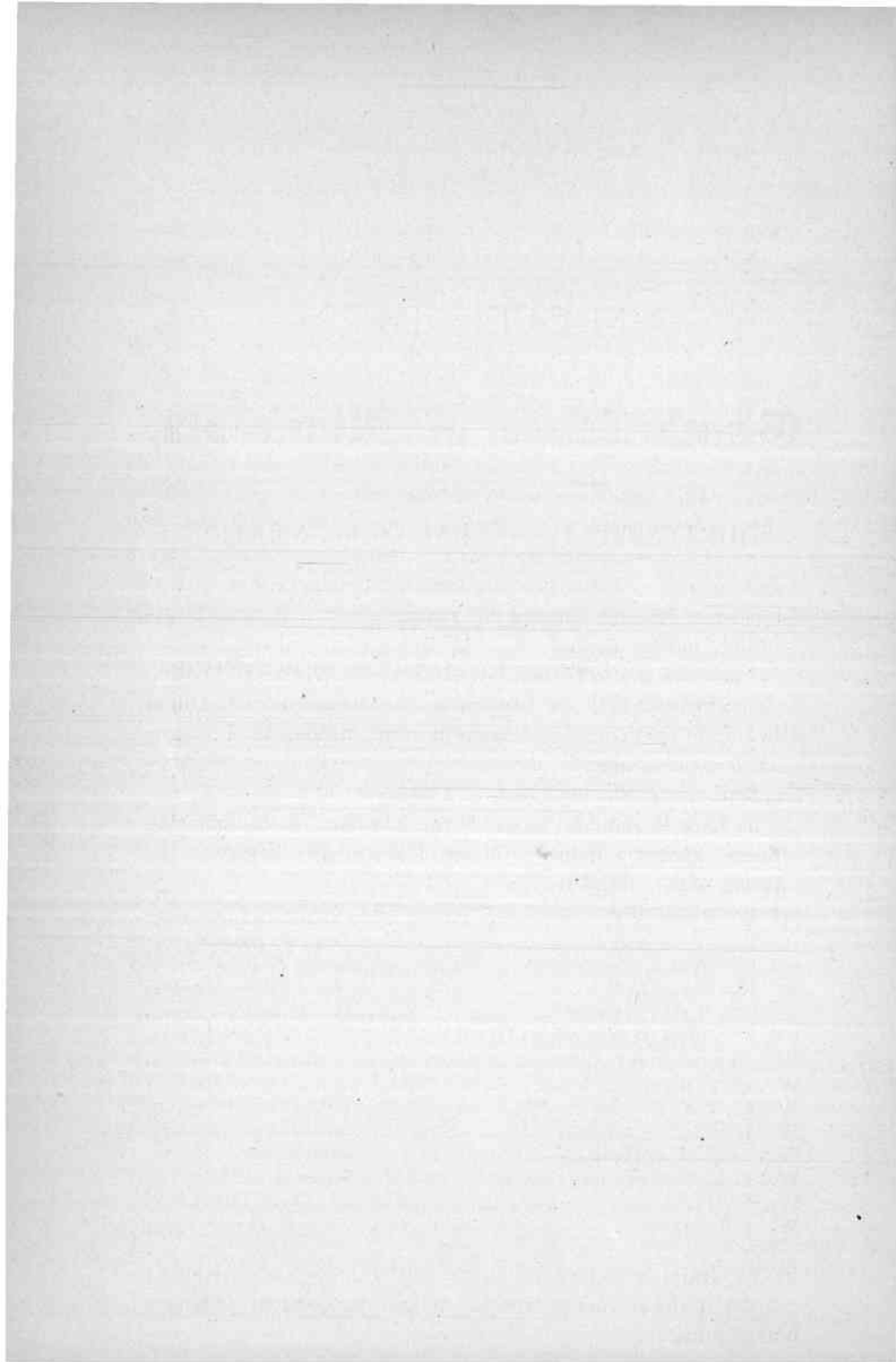
Bro. Grand Marshal, you will now form the procession.

The services at the grave were conducted by the M. : W. : Grand Master and the purposes of the special communication having been completed the Grand Lodge returned to Masonic Hall and was duly closed at 5:30 P. M.

J. A. KIESTER,
Grand Master.

Attest:

THOS. MONTGOMERY,
Grand Secretary.



PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 15, 1890, 12 o'clock M.

In accordance with the provisions of its constitution, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota convened at Masonic Hall, St. Paul, on Wednesday, Jan. 15, A. D. 1890, A. L. L. 5890, at 12 M.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, assisted by the following officers, opened a lodge of Master Masons, preparatory to the opening of the Grand Lodge:

M. W. JACOB A. KESTER.....	Grand Master.
R. W. ALPHONSO BARTO.....	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. WM. F. DICKINSON.....	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. CHAS. D. BOYCE.....	Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. J. H. THOMPSON.....	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. THOS. MONTGOMERY.....	Grand Secretary.
W. REV. L. D. BOYNTON	Grand Chaplain.
W. H. T. KING.....	Grand Marshal.
W. LEVI W. FOLSOM.....	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. JEROME E. COOLEY.....	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. ALEX. FIDDES.....	Grand Standard Bearer.
W. C. L. BAXTER	Senior Grand Steward.
W. O. H. PAGE.....	Grand Pursuivant.
W. J. C. FISCHER.	Grand Tyler.

The Grand Secretary called the roll of lodges and reported 154 out of the 167 active working lodges represented; 14 lodges being extinct.

A majority of the lodges in the jurisdiction being represented, the Most Worshipful Grand Master proceeded to open the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota in AMPLE FORM.

Prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain.

ASSISTANT GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary announced the appointment of Bro. M. M. Clark (48) as Assistant Grand Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Grand Master appointed as the Committee on Credentials the Grand Secretary and Bros. A. Marden (98) and C. H. Smith (97).

The Grand Secretary having had a roll of all the members prepared, in advance of the session, the same was called, those in attendance noted, proxies filled in and a report made inside of half an hour. The following report was accepted and the committee continued.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that there are present the following named Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and Representatives of Lodges:

GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. JACOB A. KIESTER.....	Grand Master.
R. W. ALPHONSO BARTO.....	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. WM. F. DICKINSON.....	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. CHAS. D. BOYCE.....	Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. JOSEPH H. THOMPSON.....	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. THOS. MONTGOMERY.....	Grand Secretary.
R. W. REV. L. D. BOYNTON.....	Grand Chaplain.
W. H. T. KING.....	Grand Marshal.
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W. JEROME E. COOLEY.....	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. ALEXANDER FIDDES.....	Grand Standard Bearer.
W. CHAUNCEY L. BAXTER.....	Senior Grand Steward.
W. O. H. PAGE.....	Grand Pursuivant.
W. J. C. FISCHER.....	Grand Tyler.

REPRESENTATIVES.

St. Johns, No. 1.....	Thomas C. Clark, W.: M.:
Cataract, No. 2.....	Chas. H. House, W.: M.:
	Solon Armstrong, S.: W.:
	C. E. Van Cleve, J.: W.:
St. Paul, No. 3.....	John E. Davis, W.: M.:
	James F. Lawless, S.: W.:
	O. G. Miller, proxy for J.: W.:
Hennepin, No. 4.....	John H. Randall, W.: M.:
	W. E. Lawrence, S.: W.:
	W. P. Roberts, proxy for J.: W.:
Ancient Landmark, No. 5.....	I. B. B. Sprague, W.: M.:
	A. P. Swanstrom, proxy for S.: W.:
	Wm. S. Combs, proxy for J.: W.:
Dakota, No. 7.....	W. W. Weeks, W.: M.:
	Irving Todd, proxy for S.: W.:
Red Wing, No. 8.....	John H. Rich, W.: M.:
	Dwight M. Baldwin, proxy for S.: W.:
	H. A. Willard, proxy for J.: W.:
Faribault, No. 9.....	L. Hawley, W.: M.:
Mantorville, No. 11.....	Salmon N. Dartt, W.: M.:
	J. M. F. Cooper, J.: W.:
Mankato, No. 12.....	George W. Mead, W.: M.:
	Hugh McMurtrie, S.: W.:
Wapahasa, No. 14.....	H. M. Dugan, W.: M.:
Monticello, No. 16.....	Elam S. Gibbs, W.: M.:
Hokah, No. 17.....	A. J. Snure, W.: M.:
Winona, No. 18.....	Henry C. Shepard, W.: M.:
	Harry W. Clarke, S.: W.:
	James R. Morton, J.: W.:
Minneapolis, No. 19.....	Horace M. Myers, W.: M.:
	E. J. Forester, proxy for J.: W.:
Caledonia, No. 20.....	Hudson Wheaton, W.: M.:
Rochester, No. 21.....	John J. Fulkerson, W.: M.:
	W. Logan Brackinridge, S.: W.:
	A. T. Stebbins, proxy for J.: W.:
Pleasant Grove, No. 22.....	George Z. Logan, W.: M.:
North Star, No. 23.....	T. C. Wing, W.: M.:
	J. H. Lufkin, S.: W.:
Wilton, No. 24.....	Wm. Orcutt, proxy for lodge.
Western Star, No. 26.....	F. B. Fobes, proxy for lodge.
Blue Earth Valley, No. 27.....	B. F. Goodwin, S.: W.:
Clearwater, No. 28.....	E. P. Crosman, W.: M.:
	C. D. Whittemore, J.: W.:
Morning Star, No. 29.....	Fred Welch, J.: W.:
Anoka, No. 30.....	O. L. Cutter, proxy for W.: M.:

Anoka, No. 30.....	J. C. H. Engel, S. W.:
	F. E. Abear, proxy for J. W.:
King Hiram, No. 31.....	Wm. H. Baier, J. W.:
Sakatah, No. 32.....	C. H. Robinson, W. M.:
	H. E. Blair, S. W.:
Star in the East, No. 33.....	George D. Holden, W. M.:
Oriental, No. 34.....	William Tanner, W. M.:
Mt. Moriah, No. 35.....	J. L. Powers, W. M.:
	Henry Fieseler, S. W.:
Preston, No. 36.....	Elias Lint, W. M.:
Mystic Tie, No. 37.....	C. L. Parham, W. M.:
Washington, No. 38.....	F. M. Andrews, W. M.:
Fidelity, No. 39.....	L. E. Day, M. W.:
	George Hirst, J. W.:
Carnelian, No. 40.....	E. J. Manning, W. M.:
	Wm. M. McRostie, S. W.:
	J. W. Kennedy, proxy for J. W.:
Hermon, No. 41.....	C. B. Anderson, W. M.:
Hope, No. 42.....	Wm. C. Russell, W. M.:
	Robert S. Miles, S. W.:
	H. L. Simons, proxy for J. W.:
Harmony, No. 43.....	C. D. Jacobs, W. M.:
King Solomon, No. 44.....	Not represented.
Union, No. 45.....	John Taylor, W. M.:
	Henry D. Baxter, S. W.:
Evergreen, No. 46.....	Not represented.
Concord, No. 47.....	Arthur B. French, W. M.:
Social, No. 48.....	M. M. Clark, W. M.:
	F. A. Noble, proxy for S. W.:
Rising Sun, No. 49.....	Robert A. Johnson, S. W.:
Watertown, No. 50.....	Frank S. Coffin, W. M.:
Acacia, No. 51.....	Irving T. Morey, W. M.:
	Thomas Shellenbarger, S. W.:
Cannon River, No. 52.....	Charles Sweetser, W. M.:
Nicollet, No. 54.....	Thos. Montgomery, W. M.:
	Wm. H. Hall, S. W.:
	F. M. Ransom, proxy for J. W.:
Zion, No. 55.....	Clarence E. Peaslee, W. M.:
	August J. Anderson, S. W.:
	D. M. Woodbury, proxy for J. W.:
Meridian, No. 56.....	Joseph Underleak, W. M.:
	W. H. Ellwood, proxy for S. W.:
Blue Earth City, No. 57.....	J. H. Sprout, W. M.:
Spring Valley, No. 58.....	E. G. H. Adams, W. M.:
	B. F. Farmer, proxy for J. W.:
Temple, No. 59.....	Wm. W. Sivright, S. W.:
Star in the West, No. 60.....	H. S. Doty, proxy for W. M.:

Ashlar, No. 61.....	J. D. Price, W.: M.: Edwin Dunn, proxy for S.: W.: C. E. Bondy, proxy for J.: W.:
Star, No. 62.....	D. R. Thompson, W.: M.:
Illustrious, No. 63.....	G. R. Hall, W.: M.: J. W. Mallory, S.: W.:
Chain Lake, No. 64.....	M. E. L. Shanks, W.: M.:
Golden Rule, No. 65.....	C. H. Pratt, proxy for lodge.
Madelia, No. 66.....	J. T. Furber, proxy for lodge.
Corinthian, No. 67.....	E. Z. Needham, W.: M.:
Mystic Star, No. 69.....	G. W. Rockwell, W.: M.:
Paynesville, No. 71.....	A. L. Elliott, W.: M.:
Lansing, No. 72.....	Not represented.
Brownsville, No. 73.....	Edward M. Winslow, proxy for lodge.
Eureka, No. 75.....	A. J. Porter, W.: M.:
Joppa, No. 76.....	Lysander Cook, proxy for lodge.
Tuscan, No. 77.....	M. M. Davidson, S.: W.:
Mystic Circle, No. 78.....	John Q. Briggs, W.: M.:
Palestine, No. 79.....	William B. Patton, W.: M.:
Henderson, No. 80.....	J. P. Kirby, proxy for lodge.
Constellation, No. 81.....	F. B. Van Hoesen, W.: M.:
Howard, No. 82.....	C. W. Rickerson, proxy for lodge.
Huram Abi, No. 83.....	M. Troutmann, W.: M.: James S. Decker, S.: W.: George W. Gove, J.: W.:
Orient, No. 84.....	Fred F. Butler, proxy for lodge.
High Forest, No. 85.....	Frank Dean, proxy for lodge.
Tyrian, No. 86.....	E. L. Ford, W.: M.: E. F. Hopkins, S.: W.:
Doric, No. 87.....	Not represented.
Golden Fleece, No. 89.....	Alexander D. Ross, W.: M.: Orange A. Pennoyer, S.: W.:
Good Faith, No. 90.....	Alexander Fiddes, proxy for lodge.
Antiquity, No. 91.....	O. L. Dornberg, W.: M.:
Fraternal, No. 92.....	William Cordiner, W.: M.:
Unity, No. 93.....	Adelbert W. Gordon, W.: M.:
Keystone, No. 94.....	F. P. James, M.: W.:
Sherburne, No. 95.....	B. F. Mabis, M.: W.:
Libanus, No. 96.....	M. E. Mullen, S.: W.:
Prudence, No. 97.....	John Hutton, W.: M.:
Charity, No. 98.....	Albert Marden, W.: M.: Chas. Berry, proxy for S.: W.:
Corner Stone, No. 99.....	A. Brandenburg, W.: M.:
Aurora, No. 100.....	Milton McFadden, W.: M.: Thos. C. Bivins, proxy for S.: W.:
Fraternity, No. 101.....	C. W. Smith, W.: M.: F. L. Humiston, S.: W.:

Fraternity, No. 101.....	I. P. Durfee, proxy for J. W. :
Lebanon, No. 102.....	Not represented.
Bethel, No. 103.....	W. R. Robinson, S. W. :
	G. W. Neff, J. W. :
Sharon, No. 104.....	Benj. F. Jenness, W. M. :
Mt. Tabor, No. 106.....	C. G. Sturtevant, W. M. :
	Chas. W. Dix, proxy for J. W. :
Relief, No. 108.....	M. R. Dresbach, proxy for W. M. :
	J. Getman, proxy for S. W. :
Sunset, No. 109.....	Wm. Dunbrack, W. M. :
	W. H. Wells, proxy for S. W. :
Pickwick, No. 110.....	P. S. Taylor, W. M. :
Carver, No. 111.....	Jabez S. Barnard, W. M. :
	John S. Nelson, S. W. :
Khurum, No. 112.....	George D. Emery, W. M. :
	James Elwin, S. W. :
	George B. Bower, J. W. :
Excelsior, No. 113.....	George C. Shuck, W. M. :
	A. S. Dimond, S. W. :
Ben Franklin, No. 114.....	Charles O. Hawes, W. M. :
	W. H. Halbert, proxy for S. W. :
	Mark N. Swedberg, J. W. :
Elgin, No. 115.....	D. W. Searles, proxy for lodge.
Lafayette, No. 116.....	O. A. Sleeper, proxy for lodge.
Granite, No. 117.....	M. C. Sullivan, W. M. :
Newport, No. 118.....	J. Q. Mackintosh, W. M. :
	J. D. Carroll, S. W. :
	D. P. Hess, J. W. :
Delta, No. 119.....	E. L. Healey, W. M. :
Grand Meadow, No. 121.....	Wm. H. Bentley, W. M. :
Kellogg, No. 122.....	Geo. B. Albertson, W. M. :
Prairie, No. 123.....	C. W. Treat, J. W. :
Janesville, No. 124.....	D. J. Dodge, W. M. :
Winslow Lewis, No. 125.....	G. M. Henry, W. M. :
Moorhead, No. 126.....	J. B. Auxer, W. M. :
	Sam Partridge, proxy for S. W. :
Josephus, No. 128.....	Not represented.
Swift, No. 129.....	Arnold D. Aldrich, J. W. :
Arcturus, No. 130.....	O. Whitman, W. M. :
Alma, No. 131.....	C. F. Wenham, proxy for lodge.
Humboldt, No. 132.....	A. O. Malmgren, proxy for lodge.
Golden Sheaf, No. 133.....	Frank A. Hancock, W. M. :
	C. L. Brown, proxy for S. W. :
	O. C. Hanson, proxy for J. W. :
Cokato, No. 134.....	John P. Olson, S. W. :
Nelson, No. 135.....	Orlando H. Bushnell, W. M. :
	S. R. Wells, proxy for S. W. :

Walnut, No. 136.....	W. H. Turner, J.: W.:
Appleton, No. 137	J. T. Wilkinson, W.: M.:
	J. W. Strathern, S.: W.:
	A. D. Countryman, proxy for J.: W.:
Orion, No. 138.....	E. A. D. Salter, M.: W.:
	James H. Strong, proxy for S.: W.:
Verndale, No. 139.....	C. E. Bullard, W.: M.:
Little Falls, No. 140	Not represented.
Crookston, No. 141.....	Roderick Smith, S.: W.:
	Thos. C. Shapleigh, proxy for J.: W.:
Currie, No. 142.....	H. C. Grass, proxy for lodge.
Lakeview, No. 143.....	John T. Crippen, W.: M.:
Bird Island, No. 144.....	George Crowley, W.: M.:
Melrose, No. 145.....	E. E. Clark, S.: W.:
	C. M. Parsons, J.: W.:
Benton, No. 146.....	John H. Hanson, S.: W.:
Canby, No. 147..	Not represented.
Quarry, No. 148	Charles Mylius, W.: M.:
	William C. Briggs, J.: W.:
Guardian, No. 149.....	John M. Kissner, W.: M.:
	C. E. Etter, proxy for S.: W.:
Warren, No. 150.....	John E. Hunter, W.: M.:
	E. W. Rossman, proxy for J.: W.:
Chaska, No. 151	E. A. Taylor, W.: M.:
	F. Greiner, Jr., S.: W.:
Frontier, No. 152.....	Not represented.
Kodahya, No. 153.....	H. N. Barrett, proxy for lodge.
Norman, No. 154.....	Not represented.
Tracy, No. 155.....	F. S. Brown, W.: M.:
	J. D. Owens, proxy for S.: W.:
Wadena, No. 156.....	John Knight, J.: W.:
Perham, No. 157.....	Henry Plowman, W.: M.:
Hector, No. 158.....	W. D. Griffith, S.: W.:
Long Prairie, No. 159.....	Willard Gutches, S.: W.:
	W. E. Lee, proxy for J.: W.:
Plymouth, No. 160.....	George E. Swift, W.: M.:
	Alpheus Dale, S.: W.:
	Leander O. Merriam, J.: W.:
Sincerity, No. 161.....	D. C. Wolf, W.: M.:
	J. F. Taylor, proxy for S.: W.:
	James Waters, J.: W.:
Prescott, No. 162.....	E. W. Snyder, W.: M.:
Summit, No. 163.....	Chas. F. F. Abbott, W.: M.:
	G. W. Merrill, proxy for S.: W.:
	Geo. L. Wilson, J.: W.:
Jasper, No. 164	James D. Markham, W.: M.:
	Henry J. Brinkman, S.: W.:

Minnehaha, No. 165.....	Frank Gunther, S.: W.:
	E. E. Smith, proxy for J.: W.:
Garnet, No. 166.....	George Maroe, W.: M.:
	A. H. S. Perkins, S.: W.:
	James M. King, J.: W.:
Agate, No. 167.....	Not represented.
Braden, No. 168.....	George Brookings, W.: M.:
Pierson, No. 169	Frank D. Bell, W.: M.:
Fulda, No. 170.....	Not represented.
Shekinah, No. 171.....	John Dale, W.: M.:
	Edward Yanish, S.: W.:
	Geo. F. Dix, J.: W.:
Marietta, No. 172.....	George M. Browne, W.: M.:
	Chas. E. Beatty, proxy for J.: W.:
Plumb Line, No. 173.....	Milton K. Nelson, W.: M.:
Valley, No. 174	M. H. Tracy, W.: M.:
Roman Eagle, No. 175.....	James R. Jones, W.: M.:
	A. G. Lindgren, J.: W.:
Ark, No. 176.....	James S. Ingalls, W.: M.:
	O. A. Stoneman, proxy for S.: W.:
Rough Ashlar, No. 177.....	Harry F. Weis, proxy for W.: M.:
	J. W. Cottier, J.: W.:
Anchor, No. 178	George E. Putney, W.: M.:
King David, No. 179.....	G. B. Franklin, W.: M.:
Osakis, No. 180	John H. Rock, W.: M.:
Dalles, No. 181.....	Not represented.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M.: W.: CHARLES W. NASH.....	Past Grand Master.
M.: W.: CHARLES GRISWOLD.....	Past Grand Master.
M.: W.: E. W. DURANT.....	Past Grand Master.
M.: W.: HENRY R. WELLS.....	Past Grand Master.
M.: W.: C. H. BENTON.....	Past Grand Master.
M.: W.: HENRY R. DENNY.....	Past Grand Master.
M.: W.: R. H. GOVE.....	Past Grand Master.
R.: W.: W. T. RIGBY.....	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.: W.: J. N. CASTLE.....	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.: W.: GEORGE H. DAVIS.....	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.: W.: THOS. LOMBARD.....	Past Senior Grand Warden.
R.: W.: EDGAR NASH.....	Past Senior Grand Warden.
R.: W.: L. Z. ROGERS.....	Past Senior Grand Warden.
R.: W.: WM. LEE.....	Past Junior Grand Warden.
R.: W.: E. P. BARNUM.....	Past Junior Grand Warden.
R.: W.: A. J. EDGERTON.....	Past Junior Grand Warden.

R. W. C. H. SMITH.....	Past Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. ALBERT MARDEN.....	Past Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. A. LA DUE.....	Past Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. GEO. S. ACKER.....	Past Junior Grand Warden.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. MONTGOMERY,
ALBERT MARDEN,
C. H. SMITH,

Committee.

VISITORS.

On motion of Bro. H. R. Wells (36) it was

Resolved, That all Master Masons in good and regular standing be permitted to visit the Grand Lodge during the present session.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 3 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 15, 1890, 3 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor with officers and members as at opening session.

COMMITTEES.

The Grand Master announced his appointment of the following standing committees:

ON ADDRESS.

Bros. W. T. Rigby (28), Thos. C. Clark (1), E. Z. Needham (67).

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Bros. Geo. S. Acker (5), Geo. W. Mead (12), I. B. B. Sprague (5), A. Brandenburg (99), M. C. Sullivan (117).

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

Bros. C. H. Benton (2), E. W. Durant (1), C. Griswold (3), H. R. Wells (36), H. R. Denny (111).

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Bros. C. W. Nash, R. H. Gove (21), A. J. Edgerton, Geo. H. Davis, Thos. C. Shapleigh (141).

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Bros. C. L. Brown (133), J. H. Sprout (57), O. Whitman (130), A. D. Countryman (137), F. S. Brown (155).

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Bros. H. R. Wells (36), J. S. Nelson (111), I. P. Durfee (101).

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Bros. J. E. Getman (108), A. B. French (47), E. P. Crosman (28), Alex. D. Ross (89), O. L. Dornberg (91).

PAY ROLL.

Bros. J. H. Thompson (19), E. P. Barnum (60), Chas. Mylius (148).

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Bros. L. Hawley (9), G. B. Franklin (179).

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Bros. Larned Coburn (170), J. H. Randall (4), Geo. D. Holden (33).

The Grand Master then read the following

ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

Another year, as we measure time, has been added to the past. When we cease to measure time we will have entered the realms of eternity, where there are no times and seasons, where a thousand years are as one day and one day as a thousand years — where all existence is one eternal Now.

We have assembled to-day, in the Thirty-Seventh Annual Grand Communication of this M. S. W. S. Grand Lodge, to hear the reports of its officers for the year and to take such action, legislative, executive and judicial, as the good of the craft may demand. It is to be hoped and expected that the same diligence, harmony and wisdom which have always heretofore characterized our labors at our annual assemblies may not be wanting in this one.

The past year has been with us, as a people, one of peace, plenty and prosperity; and with us, as Masons, one of many important events and great and permanent progress. For the many great blessings we have enjoyed in all the relations of life, our first duty is to acknowledge, humbly, our gratitude to the Grand Architect of the Universe,—the Great Father of All,—in whose hands are the destinies of all men and of all nations.

But we meet to-day, brethren, surrounded by the somber habiliments of mourning. What means this? Alas! One of our number is missing. The fraternal chain is broken. A venerable presence, always

recognized here at this hour in our annual assemblies during thirty-six years past, appears not among us to-day. A light has gone out! Father Pierson, for so many years our R. W. Grand Secretary, is no more with us. His earthly labors done, he has gone forward and entered upon the next stage of the sublime travel of immortality. At three o'clock in the morning of the twenty-sixth day of November last, he quietly and in peace departed this life. The morning of that day broke, for him, on the other shore—the dawn, we can confidently hope, of a brighter day than this earth can ever know.

No, he is not with us to-day, but has gone to attend that vast assembly of the people of all ages, nations, kindreds and tongues, gathered and gathering in that mysterious land which lies beyond the bounds of this mortal life, and from whose bourne no traveler ever returns. And

"There's a mansion and a welcome and a multitude is there,
Who have met upon the Level, and been tried upon the Square."

Among all the dead of those who have held official position in this Grand Lodge, and among all the deceased of the craft in this jurisdiction, his demise is the one of largest significance, in a masonic sense.

His name has been a familiar one throughout the American masonic world for many years, and he has been connected in a prominent way with all the masonic organizations of this state from their beginning. Yet he was not only thus known; but in the families of many of the brethren in our large jurisdiction even the children were familiar with and kindly spake the name of Grandfather Pierson.

I have gathered up a few memorials of his life and labors.

He was born at Morris Plains, N. J., Aug. 29, 1817. At the age of four years he accompanied his parents to Cincinnati, Ohio, but returned to New Jersey in 1822. The next year he went to New York City. At about the age of eighteen years—Oct. 19, 1835—he was married to Miss Eleanor C. Berrien, of Long Island, N. Y. He graduated in 1837 from a medical college in New York City.

In the year 1851 he came to Minnesota and was connected with the Indian department as confidential clerk of the superintendent. He was at different times with the Winnebagoes, Chippewas and Sioux Indians, remaining with the latter tribe until the outbreak in 1862. On his arrival with his family in Minnesota he located his residence in St. Paul, which has been his home ever since. After the Indian outbreak he was appointed to the office of chief draughtsman in the surveyor general's office in this city, a position which he held for a number of years.

Bro. Pierson received the craft degrees in Painted Post Lodge, No. 117, at Corning, N. Y., and the capitular degrees in Elmira Union Chapter, at Elmira, N. Y.

He was a member of the first masonic lodge organized in this city, which was named St. Paul Lodge. In 1854 he assisted in the organization of Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 5, of this city, and was a charter member thereof.

In 1853 he assisted in the organization of this Grand Lodge, and was secretary of the convention called for that purpose. The first year he held the office of Grand Marshal of this Grand Lodge, the second year he was Junior Grand Warden, the third Deputy Grand Master, and the fourth was elected Grand Master of Masons in this jurisdiction, a position which he held for eight consecutive years.

He was elected Grand Secretary in 1854 for one term, and after an interim of some years he was again chosen Secretary in 1876, and held that office up to the time of his death—nearly fourteen years.

Bro. Pierson was the chief actor in the organization of Minnesota Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, and was its first High Priest. He assisted at the organization of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota in 1859, and was the first Grand High Priest. He was Secretary of the Grand Chapter from 1860 to 1864 inclusive, and ten years later he accepted that office again and held it thereafter fourteen years, and until the time of his death. He was General Grand King of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States for three years.

He assisted at the organization of the first Commandery of Knights Templar in this state—Damascus, No. 1—and was Eminent Commander thereof for a number of years, and he was for the past fourteen years Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery K. T. of this state.

He was Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States for six years.

He had also received the degrees of Royal and Select Master, and took much interest in Cryptic Masonry.

Bro. Pierson was an active and distinguished member of the Scottish Rite bodies. Many years since he received the thirty-third degree—Sovereign Grand Inspector General A. & A. S. Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction of the United States—and was Grand Prior of the Supreme Council from 1866 to 1870.

At the time of his death he was a member of Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. Masons, St. Paul, Minnesota Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1; St. Paul Council Royal and Select Masters; Damascus Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar; and the following Scottish Rite organizations: Carmel Lodge of Perfection, St. Paul Chapter Knights Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh and Minnesota Consistory. He was a member also of Osman Temple of the Mystic Shrine.

For many years Bro. Pierson has been the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of this Grand Lodge and of the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery, and his reports, as such, from year to year, exhibit great learning and take rank with the best reports that have been written at any time. His authorship, however, was not confined to his productions as a reporter or as an officer. Many years since he published a work entitled the Traditions of Freemasonry—among the most interesting of masonic standard works. He had also prepared an elaborate work on masonic jurisprudence, the manuscript of which,

unhappily, was destroyed by fire before the publication of the book, and he had not, as he once told me, the heart to write it over. As a Mason of long experience, of official services in every branch of Masonry, and of wide and varied learning, Bro. Pierson had few equals and no superiors.

During the past year Bro. Pierson was quite active for one of his great age, and rarely made complaint of any ill health. He was still prompt and efficient in the performance of his duties as Grand Secretary. He appeared always anxious to perform his official duties. He accompanied us during the summer at the laying of the corner stones at Sauk Centre, Litchfield and Duluth, and expressed himself as greatly enjoying these excursions. He also, in October last, attended the Triennial Grand Encampment of Knights Templar at Washington, D. C.

During his last sickness I was kept informed of his condition daily, and when the announcement of his death came, immediate steps were taken to summon this Grand Lodge to attend and conduct the funeral. An efficient committee of arrangements was at once organized in this city to make all necessary preparations for the solemn event, and right worthy indeed did the committee, and all the brethren, perform their duties.

He was buried on the twenty-ninth day of November last in Oakland Cemetery, near this city. I deem it unnecessary here to enter into all the detail of the funeral. It is sufficient to say that he was interred according to our solemn ceremonies, under the auspices of this Grand Lodge; the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and many subordinate commanderies, under command of R. E.: Sir W. H. Sanborn, Grand Commander, acting as escort to the Grand Lodge; the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the state, and many lodges, and hundreds of Masons, and many citizens, joining in the largest and most splendid funeral procession ever known in the state—a grand and most impressive tribute of respect to the memory of our deceased brother. And as the sun of that day was setting and the shades of evening rapidly gathering we laid him to his final rest. His life on earth was done, the day was done, and our solemn labors also done.

Bro. Pierson left him surviving his venerable wife and three daughters,—one unmarried, one the widow of the late Major Hatch, and one the widow of the late James Y. Caldwell,—besides a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren. It is hardly necessary, brethren, in a lodge of Masons, to say it, but the widow and the fatherless are in our special care and remembrance.

I may add, as a closing word, that it is a great pleasure to speak of Bro. Pierson's high attainments and many virtues. He had his faults, also, for he was human. Perfection was never reached on earth by man. We all have our faults. His may not have been the same, exactly, as ours, and in our estimation perhaps not so easily excused. But he is dead—he can no longer extenuate for himself, and over his faults and

foibles, whatever they may have been, it is now our duty to spread the broad mantle of a Mason's charity.

In August last Bro. J. W. Morford died at Owatonna. I was not personally acquainted with him, and have been unable to learn anything of his masonic history except that he was not only an active and skillful Craft Mason, but also took an active part in Capitular and Templar Masonry. He was for many years W. M. of Star in the East Lodge, and you will understand me when I say that on 105 occasions he stood at the E. Gate of the Temple and there taught symbolically, that solemn and impressive lesson, which all must learn in its reality sooner or later. He was Junior Grand Warden of our Grand Lodge in 1871. He was buried September 1st last, with the honors of Masonry, by Star in the East Lodge, No. 33, the local commandery K. T. acting as escort.

"Around us, each dissevered chain
In sparkling ruin lies,
And earthly hands can ne'er again
Unite the broken ties."

I now proceed to detail my official action during the recess; but before entering thereon will say that the next day after Bro. Pierson's burial, November 30th last, after consultation with a number of the trustees of the Grand Lodge and other brethren, I appointed Bro. Thomas Montgomery Grand Secretary, who immediately entered upon the discharge of his duties and has been performing them very acceptably to this time.

LODGES CONSTITUTED.

The lodges chartered at our last annual communication were formally constituted and their officers installed as follows:

Dalles Lodge, No. 181, at Cloquet, by Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, proxy for Grand Master, in February, 1889.

Osakis Lodge, No. 180, at Osakis, by Bro. Elliot Bridgman, proxy for Grand Master, on March 9, 1889.

King David Lodge, No. 179, at Elmore, by the Grand Master in person, March 11, 1889.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES.

I granted dispensations to open new lodges during the year, as follows:

On February 22d, to Bros. J. Gould as W. M., C. E. Kimble as S. W., and P. S. Rudolph as J. W., to open a lodge at Fair Haven, in Stearns county, to be known as Fair Haven Lodge, U. D.

On April 2d to Bros. W. C. Crandall as W. M., Hans Mickleson as S. W., and J. A. Goodrich as J. W., to open a lodge at Pelican Rapids, in Otter Tail county, to be known as Pelican Lodge, U. D.

On May 6th to Bros. Peter Turnbull as W. M., Wm. H. Martin as S. W., and F. Heisal as J. W., to open a lodge at Park Rapids, in Hubbard county, to be named Shell Lodge, U. D.

On May 11th to Bro. Wm. Todd as W. M., M. L. Bevans as S. W. and W. T. Rich as J. W. to open a lodge at Hamline, Minn., to be named Midway Lodge, U. D.

On August 1st to Bros. Geo. N. La Vague as W. M., Robert E. Denfeld as S. W. and A. B. Wolvin as J. W., at Duluth, to be named Ionic, U. D.

On September 28th to Bros. Jas. H. Bradish as W. M., Geo. Richard as S. W. and John D. Tolman as J. W., at North Minneapolis, to be named Arcana, U. D.

On December 16th to Bros. A. J. McGee as W. M., H. L. Holden as S. W., S. T. Pope as J. W., to open a lodge at Two Harbors, to be named Fortitude, U. D.

The dispensations for several of these new lodges will have to be continued, as they were so lately issued. The work of the others will doubtless be presented for inspection, and if found commendable charters should be granted them. In all these cases I carefully considered the facts set forth in the several petitions, the local situation and surroundings, the prospects of success and the competency of the brethren, before directing the issue of dispensations. Several petitions and proposals for dispensations to open new lodges have been presented or suggested, which I declined to grant, or encourage, deeming that the interests of the craft in the several localities would not be promoted thereby.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

On the thirteenth day of March last, on application of Preston Lodge, No. 36, I granted to that lodge a dispensation waiving our rule as to residence, and authorizing said lodge to receive and act upon the petition of a resident of the State of Iowa, to be made a Mason by, and become a member of, Preston Lodge, No. 36, the petitioner residing quite near Preston Lodge, but a long distance from the lodge in Iowa within whose jurisdiction he was living, the said Iowa lodge having first waived all jurisdiction over the petitioner in favor of Preston Lodge, under a regulation as to border residents which obtains in that jurisdiction.

We have no regulation of fraternal comity with adjoining jurisdictions as to border residents. The Grand Lodge of Iowa has, as above stated, such a law, but we have no reciprocal regulation. There are many cases along our interstate boundaries in which such a regulation would be convenient and beneficial, on both sides of the several boundaries. I am cognizant of one instance where one of our young lodges is situated within half a mile of the state boundary, and south of the state line there is no masonic lodge within fifteen miles. Our lodge, in this case, would be benefited if residents in Iowa, near it, could have the privilege of coming into our lodge. I am aware that there are some brethren who doubt the expediency of such a regulation, but I thought best to suggest the subject for your consideration.

OTHER SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

In our masonic jurisdiction, Masons are not permitted to appear in public, as Masons and masonically clothed and forming or joining in processions, except in the instances of the burial of the dead or in the personal presence of the Grand Master, without a dispensation from the Grand Master for so doing; and entertaining the opinion that it is not expedient or for the good of the craft that they should thus appear except on strictly masonic occasions, as the burial of a brother, the laying of corner stones of masonic and public structures, dedication of masonic halls, or the like, I have declined to grant a number of applications for dispensations for lodges to appear in public on Memorial or Decoration Day, the Fourth of July, and other national and state anniversaries, celebrations and memorial occasions, as not being of a strictly masonic character. All good and patriotic citizens, which includes all Masons, of course, should take part on these occasions, by all means, as citizens, but not in their distinctive character as Masons. Experience has taught that the too frequent appearance and parading of lodges, in public and in regalia, taking part in matters not of a masonic character, has often rendered them subject to unfavorable comment, and sometimes to derision or ridicule.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

During the recess I have examined and approved the by-laws of the following lodges: Nicollet, No. 54, Jan. 17, 1889; Anchor, No. 178, March 5, 1889; Delta, No. 119, March 29, 1889; King David, No. 179, May 27, 1889; Rochester, No. 21, May, 28, 1889; Temple, No. 59, June 6, 1889; Libanus, No. 96, June 12, 1889; Valley, No. 174, June 13, 1889; Osakis, No. 180, July 3, 1889; Newport, No. 118, Oct. 28, 1889; Mystic Circle, No. 78, Oct. 31, 1889; Palestine, No. 79, Nov. 20, 1889; Blue Earth City, No. 57, Jan. 6, 1890.

Also amendments to the by-laws of the following lodges: Winona, No. 18, Jan. 30, 1889; Warren, No. 150, March 23, 1889; St. Johns, No. 1, Aug. 17, 1889; Sakatah, No. 32, Oct. 10, 1889; Garnet, No. 166, Oct. 18, 1889; Garnet, No. 166, Nov. 20, 1889.

A word is necessary here as to the amendment approved to the by-laws of St. Johns Lodge, No. 1: Section 9 of article 8 of the by-laws of this lodge, relating to amendments, contained the provision that any alteration or amendment of the by-laws could only be acted upon when a majority of the members of the lodge was present. The membership was one hundred and forty-six, and many of them so scattered about the world that to get a majority together at any time was an impossibility, and the lodge could do nothing as to the by-laws. The brethren desired to amend this section, and applied to me in their dilemma for assistance. I directed them to have the amendment proposed presented at a regular communication (which was done June 17th), and give notice that it would be called up for final action at a subsequent stated commu-

nication, which was done, the first stated communication in August following being so designated, being August 5th, and in the meantime notify all the members of the lodge of the intended action, and permit those non-resident to send in a written ballot for or against the proposed amendment. This was done in a very full and clear manner. At the communication held in August the matter was brought up and thirty-one votes of members present and fifty-one votes of members not present were cast for the amendment, making eighty-two, being a majority of all the members of the lodge. There were no votes against the amendment. I then approved the amendment thus adopted. I deemed it to be within the power of the Grand Master, during the recess, to dispense with a by-law of a subordinate lodge at variance with a constitutional right of lodges, and this action was, in effect, dispensing simply with the letter of this by-law requiring a majority of the members to be present, yet complying with the spirit thereof in securing, in the manner set forth, the vote of a majority of the members. While it may not be necessary, yet as St. Johns is an incorporated lodge, it may be well that the action had be approved and confirmed by a resolution of this Grand Lodge. Possibly some other method could have been suggested, but if the by-laws of old St. Johns, adopted and approved more than thirty years ago, can, practically, never be amended, the brethren of that lodge are in a very curious predicament, indeed.

In our form or model of by-laws, as revised and finally reported at last session, I was compelled to make a few changes, because of certain provisions therein which contravened the constitution, or well-established masonic usage. I assumed, on advice, though reluctantly, this authority, on the ground that the by-laws of the subordinate lodges must, before they become effective, have the approval of the Grand Master, and he could not approve them with the above defects. Our form, though still, perhaps, not perfect, is probably as near that happy condition as we shall get it. It is doubtful if any form which can be devised will meet the approval of all, or be above objection in some respects.

There is one section of the form, however, which, although it has passed without criticism by Grand Masters and committees from the first introduction to this time, except the suggestion of a brother, is somewhat obscure and might be improved by a slight change. It is section 1, of article 2, as to membership.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES AND OUR FOREIGN RELATIONS.

I have during the year commissioned the following named brethren as our representatives near their respective Grand Lodges: John H. Spencer, Kansas; E. C. Pace, Illinois; Lewis Johnson, Nova Scotia; Angus Patterson, Florida; G. H. N. Luhrs, Arizona; John Woodruff, Michigan. The following named brother has been accredited Representative near our Grand Lodge: J. A. Kiester, by the M. W. Grand Lodge of

Nova Scotia. In view of certain misunderstandings which have arisen during the year as to who are eligible for appointment as Grand Representatives, it is well to say that the rule in this jurisdiction as to the appointment of representatives near other Grand Lodges, is that such representatives shall be permanent members of their respective Grand Lodges; and brethren appointed representatives of other Grand Lodges near our Grand Lodge, shall be permanent members of our Grand Lodge. It is the general usage to appoint representatives for an indefinite period. This practice has some disadvantages; our representative may die or remove, and we may not be informed of the fact, and we may remain for a long period without representation; besides circumstances may arise rendering it inadvisable that a brother be continued our representative during life. To remedy all this the Grand Lodge of Illinois (and perhaps some others) has adopted a regulation fixing a period of five years as the term for which representatives are appointed. I have considered this subject somewhat, and am of the opinion that the adoption of some such regulation by you, making the term three, five, or seven years, would be wise.

Our relations with all the Grand Lodges of the world, recognized by us as legitimate masonic bodies, are of the most amicable character, and it is to be hoped that they may ever remain such. I feel it my duty, brethren, in this connection, to urge upon you the careful reading of the annual reports of our Committee on Foreign Correspondence; they are always prepared with great care, by brethren of experience and ability, and no intelligent Mason can afford to neglect the reading of them. They constitute a collection of masonic news from all the world—a mine, so to speak, of masonic law and lore, of incidents, facts and opinions, worthy of your attention, giving us higher, wider and more correct views of the extent, power and usefulness of our ancient and honorable fraternity. Why be in the dark, brethren, when a bright and genial sun is shining? Remember the Mason's constant desire: more light, further light; forever seeking for light and truth—always traveling towards the Orient. I am of the opinion that we should have more intimate fraternal relations and fuller correspondence with all foreign Grand Masonic Bodies recognized by us. To this end we should have representatives near all the Grand Lodges of the world, and we should invite them to appoint like representatives near our Grand Lodge. Besides other benefits which may be named, brethren throughout the world are brought into closer and more friendly relations; a better understanding will result, of our customs, methods, laws and mutual interests, with greater uniformity of action and unity of purpose and power.

DECISIONS.

I have made, during the year, forty-one separate rulings on questions of masonic law. Many of these were but reiterations of decisions and points of law already declared and published, and need not be restated

now. The remainder which I deem of any importance are all embraced in the following report:

First—A member of a lodge stricken from the rolls for non-payment of dues without the notice of the intended action through the post office, as required, unless the place of residence of the brother is unknown, must be restored, on demand, to the rolls. And such brother, on being so restored and on payment of the dues to date of application for dimit, and no charges pending against him, may be dimitted.

I may say here that the phrase "masonic proof" of the mailing of notice by the Secretary is very indefinite. The mere statement of the fact by the Secretary, or the fact simply stated in the record, is hardly sufficient proof of so important a matter. A copy of the notice mailed, with a certificate of the Secretary attached or indorsed thereon, showing strict compliance with the law as to mailing the notice, should be kept on file also.

Second—On a number of applications I ruled, that while personally opposed to the joint occupancy of rooms, for lodge purposes, of masonic and non masonic bodies, yet where a lodge room was not owned by the lodge and had not been dedicated and set apart to masonic uses, there may be such joint occupancy, but on the conditions, first, that such joint occupancy is approved by a substantially unanimous consent of the brethren; second, that the use by the non-masonic body does not interfere in any way with its use by the lodge; third, that the records, papers, books, clothing and working tools of the lodge be put away securely, from the use and inspection of the non-masonic body; and fourth, that such joint use is approved by the Grand Master on prior application to him.

Third—The objection of a member of a lodge, though absent at the time from the jurisdiction of his lodge, or a non-resident thereof, to the conferring of the degrees, or any of them, on a candidate, has the same force and effect as though the member is at the time within, or a resident of, the jurisdiction of his lodge.

Fourth—On the subject of dimits and rights of affiliation, there is a diversity of understanding and practice in this jurisdiction, and I therefore state the following ruling, which covers a number of decisions on the subject referred to, and although the ruling includes several points heretofore decided, I have deemed it best to state the ruling entire: Any member of a lodge (except a Master or Warden) whose dues to date have been paid, and not under charges for unmasonic conduct, has the right to dimit at any time he may choose and assume the burdens of a non-affiliant. He need give no reasons if he does not choose to do so. Unless the by-laws of the lodge fix some other way to make his application for a dimit, he may make it verbally in open lodge, or in writing filed with the Secretary, or personally to the Master or Secretary, verbally or in writing, out of the lodge, or if absent from the jurisdiction, he may request a member of the lodge to make the application for him. The precedent conditions being all right, a dimit

must be granted by the lodge at any regular communication, at the time of the application or next thereafter, by vote of the lodge. If the lodge, in such case, refuses to grant the dimit, charges must at once be preferred against the applicant, or the lodge itself becomes liable to discipline. When a member of a lodge is dimitted, he becomes a non-affiliant, with all the disqualifications incident thereto, and he may apply at any time for affiliation to any lodge in our jurisdiction (not necessarily the nearest one, or the one in the jurisdiction of which he resides), and such lodge may entertain the application.

Fifth—The following ruling covers four separate applications for dispensations which I declined to grant: A man who has lost, not the sight of an eye, but the eye-ball; one who has lost a hand at the wrist, either right or left; one whose knee, either right or left, is stiff, so that he cannot bend the leg; and one who has lost a foot, either right or left, each being maimed or dismembered, within the meaning of our constitution and the ancient laws of our fraternity, is not eligible to be made a Mason.

Sixth—I decided that where charges are pending against a brother for an offense which is a crime by the laws of the land, or, in other words, an act in violation of the moral and masonic law, and implying a fraud and wrong upon a brother, a plea to the jurisdiction of the masonic court, alleging that the matters at issue had already been tried, both in the civil and criminal courts and the defendant not held, and such allegations admitted to be true, does not, simply because of the facts alleged, oust the masonic court of its jurisdiction in the premises and that the Master of the lodge may, in the exercise of his discretion, entertain the charges notwithstanding such plea, and proceed with the trial; and it is his *duty*, if in his opinion such charges constitute a masonic offense, to proceed with the trial.

Seventh—In several cases presented to me, I ruled that while a lodge may not appropriate its funds, except for masonic purposes, nor divide up its funds among its members, that the difference between an appropriation and an investment is very material and must be kept in view, and that a lodge may invest its surplus funds in any safe securities that the members may decide upon. But here great care must be exercised as to the character and value of the securities invested in, and as to the manner in which the investment is made, as to its legality, and lastly as to the legal authority of the lodge to enforce payment, if necessary. It is easier, sometimes, to invest than it is to recover.

Eighth—The following ruling embraces several separate decisions: The suspension of an officer of a lodge for unmasonic conduct, either limited or indefinite, does not render his office vacant, but simply suspends, for the time being, his powers to perform the duties of the office; that whether the suspension is limited or indefinite, it may be ended at any time by the lodge; that if ended by the lodge, or by the expiration of the time limited, if within the term of the office, the officer suspended is at once restored to his powers and duties as such officer and may re-

sume the same, and that during the interim of suspension, the W. . M. . should make an appointment to fill the office. And further, that the suspension of a member of a lodge for unmasonic conduct, either limited or indefinite, does not operate to annul membership, but simply suspends the exercise of the rights incident thereto, for the time being, they being simply in abeyance; and that if the suspension is for a definite period, say three or six months, or a year, when the time expires the member is at once reinvested with all his rights, as a member, without any action on the part of the lodge.

Ninth—One who is named as W. . M. . in the charter of a lodge, is a member of the new lodge without reference to the fact of dimission from a former lodge. The designation as Master of the new lodge of itself severed the relation to the former lodge.

Tenth—I decided that the terms of the resolution of the Grand Lodge, Proceedings 1889, pp. 36 and 37, as to form of petition for degrees, to be substantially in accord with the provisions on this subject in our form for by-laws.

Eleventh—It is a masonic offense for any brother to place in the hands of an E. . A. . or F. . C. . a cipher work, or key to the degrees, alleged to be the private work and lectures of this jurisdiction (which it is not, and not authorized by this Grand Lodge), for the purpose of instructing himself, and that the printing, purchase, sale, or use of such work is a violation of a Mason's O. B.

Twelfth—When a lodge receives a petition for the degrees from one who is a non-resident of the jurisdiction, in fact, but under the supposition of his being such resident, and the petitioner is elected, but before any degree is conferred, the fact of such non-residence is discovered, the proceedings had are wholly illegal and void, and the petition must be dismissed, a record made of the facts, and the deposit fee returned at once to the petitioner.

MASONIC TRIALS.

There have been but few trials for masonic offenses during the year, considering the extent of our jurisdiction, but there have been some, and there have been several appeals taken to this session of the Grand Lodge, which will demand attention. I regret to say, brethren, that there is a growing tendency to resort too much, in masonic trials, to the subterfuges, dilatory pleas, evasions, technicalities and forms of procedure of the courts of law. The analogies between masonic and law courts, and masonic law and the laws of the land, and their administration, do not hold good to any great extent. Masonic law and masonic courts are peculiar, *sui generis*. A minimum of forms, direct and plain proceedings, designed to arrive at the merits of the case without circumlocution, and comprehensible to all of ordinary understanding, and all persons interested acting under peculiar relations to each other, not known elsewhere, are characteristics of a masonic court. While in a broad sense there are those known as masonic jurists, there is no such a

thing known among Masons as a masonic legal bar, or professional masonic lawyers, and never should be. And it must be remembered that the fact of a brother being employed as counsel on either side does not annul his duties as a Mason, or warrant him in pushing his case "with wrath or rancor," or in the common ways of the courts, or do or say anything hindering brotherly love. Do not let us, brethren, when so unhappy a thing occurs in the lodge as a masonic trial, seek to imitate too closely the methods of the law courts, but avoiding technicalities and elaborate forms, seek to do justice in mercy, according to the real merits of the case.

CORNER STONES LAID.

In compliance with the invitation of the board of education of Worthington, Nobles county, a special communication of the Grand Lodge was held in the hall of Fraternity Lodge, No. 101, Worthington, on the eighth day of June last, for the purpose of laying; according to our ancient ceremonies, the corner stone of a public school building costing over \$30,000. The request in this case came to me at such a late day before the time fixed for the ceremonies, that, upon consultation with Bro. Grand Secretary and others, it was deemed inexpedient to call the other Grand Officers together on such short notice, but rely on local assistance in the work to be done. I was most efficiently assisted by Bros. C. H. Smith, P. J. G. W., as D. G. M.; J. P. Durfee, P. D. G. M., as S. G. W.; B. F. Thurber, W. M., as J. G. W.; Frank Lewis, as G. Secretary; B. F. Johnson, as G. T.; H. J. Harrington, as G. Chaplain; R. R. Miller, as G. Marshal; and other brethren filling the places of other Grand Officers. There was a large attendance of the craft. Many of the citizens joined in the procession, and also the school children under the care of their teachers, all taking a great interest in the proceedings. After the completion of the ceremonies the brethren and people assembled in a public hall and listened to admirable addresses by Rev. W. H. Hartzell and Rev. Robert McCune, and some excellent vocal and instrumental music. It is the members of the craft here who are taking a large interest in the cause of education, heeding the lessons taught them in the second degree. I had the pleasure of meeting the brethren in the lodge room in the evening, and of addressing them on various subjects of interest to Masons.

Having received an invitation extended by the city council of Sauk Centre, Stearns county, to lay the corner stone of a new city hall on the fourth day of July last, at that place, a special communication of the Grand Lodge was held in the hall of Star in the West Lodge, No. 60, on that day, and for the above mentioned purpose. There were present, and assisting on this occasion: Bros. A. Barto, D. G. M.; W. T. Rigby, P. D. G. M., as S. G. W.; L. W. Folsom, P. D. G. M., as J. G. W.; Dwight M. Baldwin, P. M., as G. Treasurer; A. T. C. Pierson, G. Secretary; L. D. Boynton, G. Chaplain; E. P. Barnum, P. J. G. W., as G. Marshal; J. C. Fischer,

G. Tyler; and other brethren. This was a memorable occasion. Many of our brethren in that portion of our jurisdiction were present, and the lowest estimate of the number of people in attendance was 5,000. The celebration of the one hundred and thirteenth anniversary of American independence was had as a part of the ceremonies of the day. An eloquent opening address was delivered by Bro. C. F. Hendricks, and at the close of our ceremonies Bro. F. E. Searles pronounced a most admirable oration. The day was fine, the long and splendid procession, formed and directed by our acting Grand Marshal Barnum, the excellent music, the eloquent speeches, the impressive ceremonies and the fraternal greetings of the occasion will long be remembered.

I was invited to lay the corner stone of a new court house at Granite Falls on the fourth day of July, but after considering the matter fully I could devise no way, consistent with the usages governing our ceremonies in this matter, to do so, because of the pre-engagement at Sauk Centre, and therefore had to decline the request. The Grand Lodge could not well be open and at labor at two places at one and the same time. If another day could have been set for the purpose, I should have accepted the invitation with great pleasure. The stone was laid, however, satisfactorily, not by the craft, but by other persons using an improvised and appropriate ritual, as I am informed.

At the request of the brethren at Litchfield, Meeker county, a special communication was held in the hall of Golden Fleece Lodge, No. 89, on the fifteenth day of August last, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of a new masonic temple at that place. There were present and assisting me on this occasion: Bros. A. Barto, D. G. M.; C. H. Benton, P. G. M., as S. G. W.; C. D. Boyce, J. G. W.; W. P. Roberts, D. D. G. M., as Treasurer; A. T. C. Pierson, G. Secretary; L. D. Boynton, G. Chaplain; Henry Ames, P. M., as G. Marshal; J. C. Fischer, G. Tyler; and other brethren. The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and subordinate commanderies were invited to take part in the proceeding and furnish an escort to the Grand Lodge, which was most courteously and efficiently done, under the command of R. E. Sir W. H. Sanborn, Grand Commander. The ceremonies were preceded by a most sumptuous banquet, spread in an immense hall, and was free for all in attendance, and partaken of by many hundreds of the craft and others. An address of welcome was delivered by Bro. Mayor H. S. Branham, and at the close of the ceremonies, Bro. Sanborn favored the audience with an eloquent speech. More than 2,000 people were in attendance, and all the arrangements were admirably carried out. The brethren at Litchfield are to be congratulated as among the most enterprising and successful in the state, and now, especially, on the erection of their new temple.

I accepted the invitation of the brethren at Duluth to lay the corner stone of their new masonic temple in that city, and a special communication of the Grand Lodge was held in the hall of Palestine Lodge, No. 79, on the twenty-eighth day of last August, for that purpose. There were

present and assisting me in the ceremonies: Bros. Geo. H. Davis, P. : D. : G. : M. : , as D. : G. : M. : ; J. G. Moore, as S. : G. : W. : ; C. D. Boyce, J. : G. : W. : ; J. H. Thompson, G. : Treasurer; A. T. C. Pierson, G. : Secretary; L. D. Boynton, G. : Chaplain; J. E. West, as G. : Marshal; L. W. Folsom, G. : S. : D. : ; J. E. Cooley, G. : J. : D. : ; Alex. Fiddes, G. : Standard Bearer; E. S. Pettijohn, G. : Sword Bearer; J. C. Fischer, G. : Tyler; and other brethren. The masonic temple erected by the brethren of Duluth is second and only second to one other in the Northwest in size, cost and magnificence, and is a structure which would be an honor to any city in the world. An immense number of the brethren, and other people, from all parts of the state were in attendance to participate in or witness the ceremonies of laying the corner stone. On this occasion, also, the R. : E. : Grand Commander Knights Templar, on my invitation, furnished a splendid escort to the Grand Lodge, a number of commanderies being in attendance. An admirable address of welcome was given by Judge Stearns, and an able and interesting historical oration was delivered at the close of the ceremonies by Bro. C. H. Graves. A steamboat excursion on the lake in the afternoon, given by the brethren of Duluth to all visiting brethren, added greatly to the enjoyments of the day—one of the most memorable in the history of Duluth, the future metropolis of the new Northwest.

I take great pleasure in acknowledging the efficient services of our brethren, the Knights Templar, on these occasions, so splendidly and appropriately rendered, and the attendance and assistance of all the other brethren who participated in these several events. And I must add that on all these occasions a most generous hospitality and fraternal courtesy prevailed at all these localities, and your officers were received and treated with respect and deference due to their high positions.

Having now reported the corner stones laid during the year, a few suggestions as to the laying of corner stones may not be inappropriate. A word or two seems necessary:

First—The laying of foundation or corner stones by the fraternity is one of our most ancient, dignified, elaborate and impressive public ceremonies, and should be so esteemed and performed accordingly.

Second—The laying of corner stones by the fraternity is an ancient prerogative of the Grand Master, and can only be performed by him or his proxy, with the assistance of the Grand Lodge, officers thereof being notified and invited to attend.

Third—A constituent lodge, as such, is not authorized to do this work, but may be so authorized by the Grand Master; yet the work must be done by it as, and in the name of, the Grand Lodge.

Fourth—When it is desired that a corner stone be laid by the fraternity, the request or invitation to the Grand Master should be sent to him in ample time, so that all necessary preparations can be made.

Fifth—The invitation to the Grand Master to lay a corner stone is a matter addressed to his discretion, as to whether the character of the

structure, the locality, and other circumstances, and the good of the craft, may warrant the time, labor and expense incident to the work.

Sixth—It is not the intention that the corner stones of all kinds of structures may be laid by the fraternity, but those only of the more important and permanent character, as masonic edifices, capitols and other valuable public buildings, colleges, monuments, large churches and like structures; bearing in mind, however, that what may be a very insignificant building in a city may be esteemed an important one in a smaller town.

I may now close this subject of corner stones by reporting to you, that the good brethren of Palestine Lodge, No. 79, at Duluth, were lately pleased to present to me a beautifully engraved silver trowel, as a memorial of the laying of the corner stone of their splendid masonic temple last summer, a present which I received with gratitude and high appreciation, not only on my own behalf but also on behalf of the other officers of the Grand Lodge, and all the brethren who assisted on that occasion. What with all the long journeys, the decision of many perplexing questions of masonic law and usage, attention to a large correspondence, the constant watching over the craft and many other exacting duties and anxieties, and the splendid opportunities to make mistakes which stand thick around a Grand Master, come also many pleasant experiences and happy memories.

CERNEAUISM.

It appears to be my imperative duty to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the subject of Cerneauism. During the past year many inquiries have been made of me in relation to the subject, and some action on my part, as Grand Master, has been suggested; but upon consultation with a number of well-informed brethren—officers of this Grand Lodge and others—I deemed it expedient to let the matter rest until this meeting of the Grand Lodge. I approach the consideration of the question in no spirit of ill-will toward any of our brethren. The history of Cerneauism is in just such a confused condition as to easily mislead many well-meaning brethren. And now what is Cerneauism? This is the current designation of an alleged Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, instituted at New York City in the year 1807, by one Joseph Cerneau, the body of the rite being then known as the "Consistory of the Holy Trinity." The rite at that time consisted of twenty-five degrees. This body was, about the year 1812, named the "Sovereign Grand Consistory of the United States of America, Their Territories and Dependencies." At some time, and by some authority, eight degrees were added to the rite. This rite has, since its institution in the United States, passed through various phases of existence, division, subdivision, combination, extinction and resurrection, the details of which I shall not enter upon, except to say, in a general way, that about the year 1827 this body was abolished and became extinct (at least

in the North) as an organization, but its remains were merged in a body of the rite, organized in 1832 in New York, and known as the "United Supreme Council of the Western Hemisphere," which, in a year after, died, or was merged in the Hicks-St. Laurent "Supreme Council of the Western Hemisphere." This council was superseded by the Henry Atwood Supreme Council and Edmund B. Hayes Supreme Council, which existed in 1858 to 1860. All these were Cerneau bodies, but were not all of them; there were some other factional organizations of the rite in various localities and of different names, both before and after this date. About 1860 Cerneauism appears to have almost disappeared for a time, leaving, however, a few quarreling schismatics of the Hayes-Raymond-Robinson combination. About the year 1867, all factions of well-disposed Scottish Rite Masons in the North were, on a basis of union, merged into the long pre-existing and regular Supreme Council of the A.°. & A.°. Scottish Rite for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, Cerneauism disappearing, and peace and harmony prevailed. During the years then passed Cerneauism had given much trouble to Scottish Rite Masons and also to Craft Masonry, and there was sincere rejoicing now at the happy prospect of its final subsidence. But, alas! in 1881 a disturbing element awoke, and in defiance of all settlements organized a new Cerneau body, separate from the Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction, of which the official designation was "The Supreme Council 33° A.°. & A.°. Scottish Rite for the United States of America, Their Territories and Dependencies," claiming to be the organized council instituted by Joseph Cerneau in 1807. It is with the work of this body we have now to deal. Another split occurring since, there are now two branches of the Cerneau Rite, the Supreme Council of one having its seat at Boston, the other at New York City, each claiming to be the only regular one, and each denouncing the other as spurious. What if the world should take them at their word, and on the testimony of each hold the other to be spurious? But this might do them injustice.

These Cerneau bodies are not recognized as legitimate or regular by any legitimate Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, or any legitimate Grand Lodge in the world, but are recognized by and have fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France and the Foulhouze Supreme Council of Louisiana, neither of which bodies are recognized as legitimate by any regular masonic body. Some branches or organizations of the Cerneau Rite have also claimed jurisdiction over, and have conferred, the craft degrees, E.°. A.°, F.°. C.°, and M.°. M.°, in America, where these degrees are, of right, under the control of the Grand Lodges. Such, speaking in a general, but sufficiently definite, way, is Cerneauism, at least as it now presents itself.

The Cerneau Rite was introduced within the past few years into many states, our own among the number. It is also a fact that wherever this rite is instituted there have been, and are now, discord and great enmities engendered among our brethren. I do not say whose fault it is, but such is the fact.

Let us now take a step further. There exists in the United States, also, what is known as the A. : & A. : Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, not in any way connected with Cerneauism. Of this rite there are two supreme governing bodies, each having, by mutual agreement, exclusive jurisdiction over its own separate territory. One is known by the title of the "Supreme Council of the 33° for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States," of which Albert Pike is at this time Grand Commander, and the other as the "Supreme Council," etc., "for the Northern Jurisdiction," of which Henry L. Palmer is Grand Commander. The former, the Southern Council, was regularly organized in 1801 under the Grand Constitutions of the rite of 1786, and has had a continuous existence from that day to this, and has subordinate bodies of the rite in every state within its jurisdiction, which extends over all the United States except the states north of the Ohio river and east of the Mississippi. This council is written as the Ancestral Council of the World. The Northern Council was organized in 1813, and was ratified and confirmed by the Southern Council, and has had a continuous existence to this day, and there are subordinate bodies of this council in every state within its jurisdiction, which includes all the states north of the Ohio river and east of the Mississippi. These two councils are in accord, and sustain fraternal relations, and have both always been tacitly received and recognized by all legitimate Scottish Rite and other masonic Grand Bodies of the world, as regular and legitimate masonic bodies. Supreme Councils of the same Scottish Rite exist in all civilized countries, and are in harmony and friendly relations with each other. Neither of these councils claim or exercise the right to confer or control the three craft degrees. Minnesota lies within the jurisdiction of the Southern Supreme Council, and its regularity and jurisdiction here has always been recognized tacitly by this Grand Lodge from the introduction of the rite to this day.

The question now arises, Is any action on the part of this Grand Lodge in reference to this subject, possible or legal? Some good brother inquires, How can we, who are members of this Grand Lodge, the governing body of Ancient Craft or Symbolic Masonry only, determine the legitimacy, or the right or wrong actions, of these Scottish Rite organizations? Perhaps not one-half of the members of this Grand Lodge have any personal knowledge of or connection with them. How can we act intelligently? Let us see: Men act every day of their lives upon matters, sometimes of the gravest importance, and of which they have no personal knowledge, but rely upon what is received by them as credible, sufficient or lawful information, obtained by communication, inquiry, reading, observation, study. What special information have we as to Cerneauism, its character and purposes? This: The Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Colorado, Iowa, California, Nebraska, Florida, South Carolina, Utah, New Hampshire and South Dakota have taken decisive action in reference to the

Cerneau Rite and bodies, some of them declaring these bodies to be illegitimate and clandestine, others declaring them, in words or effect, to be intruders upon occupied territory, some admonishing their members to keep aloof from them, others still enacting that their brethren must come out from them or be liable to expulsion from the craft lodges, and various other condemnatory utterances. And who are they who issue such edicts, or afford this information? They are our sister Grand Lodges, the governing bodies of Craft Masonry, as is this Grand Lodge, composed of our own Ancient Craft brethren. To all this we may add the like testimony as to Cerneauism given by the Grand Commanderies Knights Templar in Ohio, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Nebraska and other states, and the Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons of Pennsylvania, California, and our own Grand Chapter in Minnesota. And lastly, the testimony of certain high officials, general officers in the Cerneau Rite, who have renounced it, as Bros. Peekham of New York, C. W. Taylor of Kentucky, G. H. Walker of District of Columbia, and others. To those of our brethren here who have no connection with Scottish Rite Masonry, may not this information be sufficient to warrant them in taking some action in reference to Cerneauism if any is deemed necessary? It may further be asked, Does not the action of the above Grand Lodges put at rest the question of the right of a Grand Lodge to act in the premises? But assuming for a moment that no Grand Lodge or other masonic body had acted upon this subject, let us now view the matter from another standpoint. I am not invoking now any action on the part of the Grand Lodge. I am only inquiring whether it is competent for us to act, if we so desire. And now let us ask, what relation, or priority of interest, exists between this Grand Lodge, the supreme or governing body of Symbolic Masonry only and this Cerneau Rite and its bodies, that would warrant us, as Craft Masons, in passing any judgment in relation to them any more than we should have, for instance, in legislating in reference to the society of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, the A. O. of U. Workmen, or like outside organizations? The answer may be that these outside bodies are not, and do not claim to be, masonic; but the Scottish Rite bodies do claim and assert, first, that they are truly masonic; second, their members are and must be, not any persons indiscriminately, but Master Masons, and as such, are under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, Ancient Craft Masonry being the foundation, as they claim, upon which their superstructure is erected; third, the claim of certain branches of the Cerneau Rite to confer the Craft degrees, usurping the rights of the Craft lodges; fourth, the intrusion here, as everywhere else, of the Cerneaus is creating bitter strifes, divisions, enmities among our brethren, dividing and weakening the lodges and endangering not only the harmony and success, but the very existence of Craft Masonry, already going so far in this direction in some of our sister jurisdictions, as in Ohio and Iowa, as to get into the courts.

The Grand Lodge is the conservator of the peace and harmony of all Craft Masons and lodges under its jurisdiction. It possesses the right of self-protection, self-preservation, and must of necessity have and exercise the right to judge and declare what is masonic, what is regular, or irregular Masonry, so far as it affects all Craft Masons under its jurisdiction, and what, in a masonic sense, makes for them good or ill as Masons; and not only has it the right to declare itself thus, but to discipline those who mislead their brethren, or cause disturbances.

And these are the natural, necessary, inherent and reasonable powers of every Grand Lodge. Our Grand Lodge constitution declares that it was ordained "to establish order, insure tranquility, provide for and promote the general welfare of the craft." Its powers are commensurate with its purposes. Section 13 of title 3, enacts that "All (meaning all necessary) governmental powers, whether executive, legislative or judicial, not expressly delegated by the Grand Lodge, are inherent in and reserved to it as the superior governing body." It would seem from all this that the relation or privity of interest which exists between the Grand Lodge and the Cerneau Rite and bodies, and also the authority of this Grand Lodge to act in the premises, is quite clear, and here we might close on this subject. But as the subject is one of grave importance, because involving our future welfare, and as we all desire to do that which is right so far as it is given us to see the right, let us, for a moment forgetting all that has already been said, view the subject in still another light, and as affected by principles other than those already stated. In the view of the matter now proposed, we are not called upon to express any opinion as to the legitimacy or the illegitimacy of Cerneauism. There is a great fundamental and necessary law of Masonry which at all times and in all American masonic jurisdictions is recognized and sustained by all legitimate masonic bodies, and must be upheld by them in order to sustain their own territorial jurisdiction and rights. Simply and briefly stated, it is the law which declares the right of exclusive jurisdiction of a lawfully constituted masonic body over territory preoccupied by it, as against all other bodies of the same rite or character. The territory embraced within the State of Minnesota is, and always has been, since it has been a part of the United States, within the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council of the A. : & A. : Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, established in 1801, and that rite was introduced and established here under the authority of that council in 1859, and has had for many years past subordinate bodies of the rite here and so recognized and accepted by this Grand Lodge and all other Grand masonic bodies from their first organization to this day. And now comes this Cerneau Rite, claiming to be also legitimate A. : & A. : S. : Rite Masonry, and which was instituted in America in 1807, six years later than the other and in defiance of the other's jurisdictional rights, and enters within the past six years this state, this preoccupied territory, ignoring this necessary law as to masonic jurisdiction. I am now done with this

subject. It is for you, brethren, to say what, if any, action this Grand Lodge shall take in the premises.

There are, as is well known, certain organizations of Capitular, Cryptic, Templar and genuine Scottish Rite Masonry, not to be more specific, which have existed so long, and have so long been admitted and recognized, at least tacitly and by participation therewith, by Craft Masons, and by all legitimate masonic governing bodies, as legitimate Masonry and as forming parts of our great masonic system, that it is doubtless competent for this Grand Lodge to declare specifically our recognition of them, as many other Grand Lodges have done. And I may add that whatever opinion may be held as to the many branches of Masonry and the great number of masonic degrees pertaining to some of them, which now exist, and while it certainly could be wished, as a matter of economy and uniform system, that these various branches of genuine Masonry could have been consolidated into one harmonious, connected and progressive system, it is now too late in the history of Masonry, and these branches of Masonry have become too firmly established and too extensive, and have too long been recognized, to make objection now, or expect any material changes. And it may well be declared that experience and approval for so long a period indicates with great force that these various branches of our masonic system are a necessity just as they are now constituted. I have said thus much on this subject largely for the purpose of sticking a peg on which to hang several other remarks.

While what are usually termed the high degrees are now a valuable part of our masonic system, and contain much useful knowledge, and are all beautiful and impressive lessons, which any Mason may well desire to learn, as I can testify from personal knowledge, yet we must not forget that every Mason's primary or original allegiance and support are due to the Craft lodges. This is demanded of us because Ancient Craft, or Symbolic Masonry takes precedence of all others in age, universality, dignity and power. But this is not all. Without the Blue or Craft lodges in Masonry, there can be no Masonry at all. All that is above, as is usually said, is but amplifications of the teachings in some respect of Ancient Craft Masonry, and all, so-called, higher degrees rest upon the Craft lodges and degrees. It may be said with much truth that the man who has taken the three Ancient Craft degrees is as much a Mason as he can ever be, and without them he cannot be a Mason at all. The deduction, therefore, from all this is, that, however zealous we may be in other branches of Masonry, we must not forget our primary obligations to the Blue lodges.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

Among the duties assigned to the Grand Master in our constitution, one is to visit each subordinate lodge in the jurisdiction at least once in each year. Among his powers we find that he may convene any lodge

within the jurisdiction, preside therein and inspect their proceedings. It is well known that the performance of these duties has long since become impossible, and is not now expected. The Grand Master has now too many other and, perhaps, more important duties to perform. To secure more direct supervision and instruction of the craft, District Deputy Grand Masters have been provided during a number of years past. The territory within the jurisdiction is divided into small districts by the Grand Master and a Deputy appointed by him in each.

Some Grand Lodges provide for the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, whose duty it is to visit the lodges and instruct them in the work. The subject of District Deputies, Grand Lecturers, Grand Custodians of the Work, Grand Visitors, District Inspectors, has been much discussed in all the Grand Lodges, from time to time, but I do not intend to say much here in reference to the subject, except to submit a suggestion or two. We tried the method of Grand Lecturer some years ago. It was abandoned. It is impracticable now, because no one person can visit all the lodges in the jurisdiction during a year, and, second, because the expense of properly remunerating such an officer is too great perhaps for us at this time. The present District Deputy system is in a large measure a failure, because, first, the Deputies are not properly or sufficiently paid, and, second, the office, as now existing, does not present itself as of sufficient consequence or importance.

Looking the matter over, I am inclined to suggest, at least as an experiment, first, that the official title of these officers be changed, because misleading. District Deputy Grand Masters are in but a small degree deputies of the Grand Master. The constitution provides for a Deputy Grand Master, who is truly such, and this title as applied to these district officers leads to confusion. The name should be changed to District Inspectors or District Lecturer or some like title. Second, that there be but ten districts, and but one Inspector or Lecturer in each. This would give from eighteen to twenty lodges in each district. Third, that such officer be paid for his services from the funds of this Grand Lodge, annually, the sum say of one hundred dollars, and that each lodge visited pay him three or five dollars, to cover traveling expenses. Fourth, that the duties and powers of such officers be the same as those of District Deputies, as now defined, the Grand Master arranging the districts and making the appointments as at present. To accomplish all this but slight changes are necessary in the existing regulations.

A number of the Deputies have attended faithfully to their duties during the year and made their reports, but many of them have done little or nothing and have not been heard from. It is the old story of former years. In this connection I will also suggest the propriety of considering the expediency of returning to our former per capita, or membership, tax which existed for many years; that is, fifty cents instead of forty as it has been for several years. The reduction was made in 1885, but it was done hastily—there was no demand for the reduction. The additional ten cents per member is but a trifle to the lodges, but the aggre-

gate of these items is a considerable sum to the Grand Lodge and can be used for the benefit of the craft generally, to much greater advantage by the Grand Lodge than if retained by the lodges. If used to pay Deputies a reasonable sum for their labors, and thus get good services, it would indeed be an excellent investment for all the lodges.

A STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.

We have no statute of limitations defining the time within which charges may be preferred against a brother for violations of masonic law. It occurs to me that we should adopt a new regulation, or perhaps an amendment to our trial code, enacting that after the lapse of two or three years from the date when an offense was committed, charges thereon shall not be preferred or entertained.

EXEMPTION FROM LODGE DUES.

It sometimes happens that an aged brother is stricken from the rolls because delinquent for dues. A law relating to the subject of arrearages for lodge dues is a necessity in every well-governed lodge, but we should be a little circumspect in applying it in some cases. Old age has many afflictions as a rule, even with the rich as well as with the poor, and among them are those infirmities which incapacitate them and render it imprudent to attend lodge meetings. Sometimes aged brethren are overtaken with misfortune and poverty late in life, and it is burdensome, if not impossible, for them to keep up their dues. Yet these same brethren may in their younger days have given much of their time and means to the good cause of Masonry and the building up of their lodges, the active work of which may now have passed into younger hands, and sometimes the services of the older brethren are even forgotten. This should not be. When such brethren visit the lodge they should be most kindly greeted and treated with sincere respect and attention, and we should not be hasty to strike such from the rolls. It is true that the lodge may exempt worthy distressed brethren from paying dues, but many do not like such formal charity, and I have, therefore, thought that we should enact that any brother who has reached the age of seventy years, and has been a member of a lodge paying dues for ten years prior thereto, shall be exempt from lodge dues, and the local lodge be also exempt from paying Grand Lodge dues for such brother.

CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES.

The consolidation of neighboring lodges would be in some instances a great benefit and convenience, but our Grand Lodge has never provided any regulation for this purpose, and should a case arise, as there doubtless will, in our experience, when such a proceeding would be advantageous, it will be somewhat difficult to determine in our present situation the best way to accomplish it. It would, therefore, be advisa-

ble to provide a plain and simple method of consolidation. Some of our sister Grand Lodges have such a regulation and I recommend the subject to your consideration.

VARIOUS OTHER SUBJECTS.

The most notable events of a general masonic character, occurring during the year, were the Triennial Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, held in Washington, D. C., in October last—an event in every respect surpassing everything of the kind heretofore known in the history of Templarism in the world; and the triennial convocation of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States, at Atlanta, Ga., November 19th last and the triennial convocation of the General Grand Chapter of R. A. M. Masons of the United States, at Atlanta also, November 21st last.

I am glad to report that Masonry throughout our jurisdiction is in a happy and most prosperous condition, with most encouraging prospects before us. Our Grand Lodge finances are also in excellent condition. Our widows' and orphans' fund now amounts to a considerable sum, as will be reported to you by our Grand Treasurer. It is safely invested in permanent interest-paying securities. We have but to take care of this fund, add to it as we can, and ere long it will be a great blessing to the needy.

The time has now come, brethren, when from the growth of the jurisdiction we must realize the fact that there must be some changes in our methods of business. These will doubtless occur to you without my naming them. There are also several projects coming before us which I would commend to your favor. I would ask a favorable consideration of the report which will be made in reference to a Grand Lodge library.

I am not favorably inclined to the project of the building, by this Grand Lodge, of a masonic temple. It would be an unnecessary and dangerous venture. A suitable place can always be provided in this city for the meetings of the Grand Lodge. But we should hire, or build, ere long, a comfortable and convenient Grand Secretary's office, which shall be the depository of our records and papers and the headquarters of the fraternity in the state, and which shall also be a suitable place for our Grand Lodge library, if we are to have one. The present Grand Secretary's office is not a suitable one for our purposes.

DIGEST.

I am informed by Bro. Todd that he designs publishing, during the year, a new and revised edition of his digest of our Grand Constitution, general regulations, approved decisions and resolutions to date, and containing a full and alphabetical index. The brother's digest, which has been in use for some years past, is a most valuable and indispensable work, almost, to Grand Masters and other officers of the Grand Lodge, and especially Masters of lodges, and indeed to all who have any use for

such a work. The new edition will be still more valuable than the old one and I desire here to commend the brother's enterprise, and as the sale of such a work is limited, the price small and the receipts from its sale barely sufficient to reimburse the brother for his time and expenses in publishing the work, I hope the officers and members of this Grand Lodge, and all other brethren, may give the brother all necessary encouragement, that he may be able to accomplish his purpose. Perhaps it may be well for the Grand Lodge to purchase a number of copies, as was done five years ago.

In concluding this message I desire, while not wishing to deal in sentiment or platitudes, to impress upon your minds that Masonry is doing a vast work in the world for good, and this good work is not to be found alone in the moneys disbursed for the relief of the sick and poor and the victims of fire, flood and pestilence, but Masonry has long been a mighty power in the moral government of the world, asserting at all times the existence of God, the immortality of the soul, and the obligations of the moral law. And this is not all. While Masonry takes no part in politics, as such, it has ever been the friend of humanity, and has always taught certain great fundamental principles of the greatest value to mankind—the brotherhood of men, the equality of all men before God and in natural right and in the eye of the law; the election of rulers by the governed; the ways of promotion open and free to all; trial by the peers of the offender; freedom of conscience or toleration of political and religious opinion; obedience to law and respect for the civil magistrate—principles which lie at the basis of all just government, and which are to-day working the world's political redemption, are all doctrines taught in the seclusion of masonic lodges before modern republics existed. And it is not only the teacher of these doctrines, but their conservator, through all the chances and changes of time. And thus it has been that Masonry has not only done much for correct morals, but has wrought mightily in lifting man from a condition of political slavery to a higher and happier plane of existence. And there never was a time when it was more important that Masons adhere closely to their teachings and principles. It is a restless and irreverent age in which we live, and infidelity, agnosticism, plutocracy, atheistic communism and anarchism are making headway. And these are not the angels of human progress, but are the vicegerents of evil, and point only the way of individual and national sin, suffering, decay and death.

And it must not be forgotten brethren, that while freedom of action and peace is enjoyed by us, and while Masonry is quiet and unobtrusive and nowhere interferes with anyone, yet in every country, our own not excepted, our fraternity has enemies, powerful, organized, subtle and unscrupulous, and practicing, sometimes secretly, sometimes openly, themselves, those very nefarious arts and entertaining those evil purposes, which they falsely charge upon Masons. Our institution, the old, tried and strong friend of toleration, of civil and religious liberty, of

fraternity and rights of men that has spoken through the ages must not forget its duty to humanity and the future now. For

“— that voice still soundeth on
From the centuries that are gone
To the centuries that shall be.”

Brethren, I shall now, at this session, surrender into your hands the gavel of the Grand Master—the symbol of the highest authority and most sacred trust which can be placed in the hands of a Mason—a power and trust which I have endeavored to exercise not with great assumption or display, but with that impartiality, conscious rectitude of purpose and regard for our laws and ancient usages, which should animate him who holds this high position. And while I deem it the duty of every Mason to serve his brethren, when and in such position as they may indicate, and while no man perhaps can appreciate more highly than I do the distinguished honor which you conferred upon me in promoting me to the chair of the Grand Master, the highest I ever expect to enjoy, for there is none more honorable, I wish to assure you that I recognize the right of other brethren to promotion and that, should it now so please you to confer this high honor upon some other brother—and we have many here worthy, because of their ability, zeal and long services—it will be most agreeable to me, and retiring, thankful to you all for the many kindnesses you have shown me, I promise you my continued interest while life shall last in the welfare of our Grand Lodge and the good cause of Masonry.

J. A. KIESTER,
Grand Master.

The address was referred to the Committee on Address for subdivision and reference.

On motion of Bro. E. P. Barnum (60) the election of Grand Lodge Officers was made the special order for 2:30 P. M. to-morrow.

The Grand Secretary read his report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

To the Grand Lodge now in Session:

BRETHREN: A chief in Minnesota Masonry has recently fallen. You will no longer behold the venerable form of your late Grand Secretary, in the south-east of this Grand Lodge, for he has gone to his long home, and his brethren abroad unite with those at home in mourning his decease. The Grand Master has feelingly and in appropriate language, set before you a sketch of Bro. Pierson's life and eminent services to Masonry, and has informed you of the appointment of your humble ser-

vant as his successor. For twelve years I had the honor to be associated with him as his assistant, during our annual communications, and in common with you all sincerely mourn his loss.

After filing my official bond with the Grand Master in the sum of \$5,000, with the state auditor and state treasurer as sureties, I entered upon the duties of the office of Grand Secretary on the morning of November 30th last, and have been assiduously at work ever since, crowding into seven weeks the ordinary labors of three months, by working night and day so that matters connected with the office might be in proper shape for the present session.

Among my first duties was that of sending circulars of information to all our sister Grand Bodies throughout this country, and to our own subordinate lodges, of the change in the office, and the cause thereof.

To these, very many replies have been received from Grand Masters, Grand Secretaries and other brethren, conveying to this Grand Lodge and to the family of our lamented brother, expressions of their deep sympathy, and sorrow and regret at his loss.

Blank returns were printed, and sent in duplicate to all our lodges early in December, accompanied with a circular letter of instructions to Secretaries urging careful preparation and prompt transmittal to this office of returns and Grand Lodge dues as early as January 2d.

I am happy to state that my appeal was not in vain, for before the close of Saturday, January 4th, receipts for fees and dues paid me had been returned to over one hundred and sixty of the one hundred and sixty-seven active chartered lodges. At the present time returns are on file from all the lodges but one, and a report from that one has been made by letter making mention of its impoverished condition, and asking for Grand Lodge aid.

I submit the following as my financial report.

THOS. MONTGOMERY, Grand Secretary,

In account with the Grand Lodge of Minnesota :

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To fees and dues received from 166 lodges as appears in detail in the Grand Secretary's cash book.....	\$6,516 20
To charter fees from lodges No. 179, 180 and 181.....	75 00
To dispensation fees, 7 lodges at \$20.....	140 00
Total now in my hands.....	\$6,731 20

The charter and dispensation fees above named were collected by my predecessor, Bro. Pierson.

There were 2,503 degrees conferred during the past year, making \$2,503 revenue from that one source, and over \$4,000 from the per capita tax. The report of the Committee on Returns will show a net balance due this Grand Lodge from all sources of less than \$50, a matter for general congratulation.

RAILROAD REDUCTION.

Application having been made through A. L. Craig, secretary of the St. Paul and Minneapolis Passenger Association, the various railroads traversing Minnesota consented to the usual reduction in return rates to bodies of this kind, a saving to this Grand Lodge of nearly \$300, for which they are entitled to our thanks.

The Grand Lodge Record Book has been written up to include the proceedings of the session of 1889, much of the work of writing the proceedings of last year having been performed since the death of the late Grand Secretary by his youngest daughter.

The cash book and ledger are posted to date.

The Grand Lodge Register contains no entries since 1883, and some provision should be made at this session to complete the work to date, as many of the Secretaries are clamoring for the Grand Lodge numbers, which cannot be furnished by the Grand Secretary until the Grand Lodge Register is posted. The register of charters issued should also be written up.

The phototypes that will probably appear in the printed proceedings of this session are those of Past Grand Masters Henry R. Denny and R. H. Gove, who have severally been requested to sit for their portraits for that purpose.

No unusual appropriations will be required for the coming year, except to write up the Grand Lodge Register, unless provision be made, as there should be, for the better protection against fire of the Grand Lodge property now stored in the office of the Grand Secretary. There is a policy of \$5,500 on G. L. proceedings and other property, and the most valuable books and papers are kept in the safe, but in case of fire the chances are that much valuable property would be lost or destroyed which money could not replace.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. MONTGOMERY,

Grand Secretary.

The Grand Treasurer then read his reports, which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

J. H. THOMPSON, Grand Treasurer,

In account with the M. W. Grand Lodge of Minnesota, A. F. & A. M.

I herewith submit my financial report of your G. L. for the past masonic year.

1889.

Jan. 16.	To cash balance in treasury as per report	\$1,808 10
Jan. 16.	To cash received of Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, G. S. ...	6,138 35

\$7,946 45

DISBURSEMENTS.

1889.		
Jan. 17.	By paid order No. 1—Bro. J. H. Brown, expenses of G. . M. .	\$300 00
Jan. 17.	By paid order No. 2—Bro. J. A. Kiester, expenses as actg. G. . M. .	100 00
Jan. 17.	By paid order No. 3—Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, foreign correspondence	250 00
Jan. 17.	By paid order No. 4—Bro. Thos. Montgomery, assistant secretary	25 00
Jan. 17.	By paid order No. 5—Bro. J. C. Fischer, expenses at corner stone laying, Winona	7 10
Jan. 17.	By paid order No. 6—Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, rent of office	100 00
Jan. 17.	By paid order No. 7—Bro. F. Gutekunst, photos. of P. . G. . M. . Brown and Cooley	120 00
Jan. 17.	By paid order No. 8—Bro. S. R. Wells, account D. D. Centennial Lodge, No. 127	8 10
Jan. 17.	By paid order No. 9—Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, account contingent expense	100 00
Jan. 17.	By paid order No. 10—Bro. E. P. Crossman, return of fees, Clearwater Lodge, No. 28	19 20
Jan. 17.	By paid order No. 11—Bro. W. F. Dickenson, services Committee on Lodge Returns	17 17
Jan. 17.	By paid order No. 12—Bro. J. S. Nelson, services Committee on Lodge Returns	10 64
Jan. 17.	By paid order No. 13—Bro. W. G. Devol, services Committee on Lodge Returns	6 00
Jan. 17.	By paid order No. 14—Bro. J. C. Fischer, services as Tyler G. . L. . 1889	25 00
Jan. 17.	By paid order No. 15—Bro. George Sainsburg, account Mrs. Donehauer, Pickwick Lodge, No. 110	100 00
Jan. 17.	By paid order No. 16—Bro. O. C. Hanson, account Bro. E. Dunkin (appropriation), Golden Sheaf Lodge, No. 133	100 00
Mch. 5.	By paid order No. 17—Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, account salary	166 66
Apl. 12.	By paid order No. 18—Bro. J. H. Thompson, account pay roll for 1889	1,800 50
Apl. 12.	By paid order No. 19—Weed & Lawrence, insurance G. . L. . property	66 00
May 5.	By paid order No. 20—Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, account salary	166 66
July 5.	By paid order No. 21—Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, account salary	166 66
July 5.	By paid order No. 22—Pioneer Press Co., printing proceedings of 1889	582 12

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Sep. 3.	By paid order No. 23—Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, account salary.....	166 67
Oct. 29.	By paid order No. 24—Bro. B. F. Farmer, account M. F. Varney (appropriation), Spring Valley Lodge, No. 58.....	100 00
Nov. 5.	By paid order No. 25—Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, account salary.....	166 67
Dec. 16.	By paid order No. 26—Mrs. A. T. C. Pierson, account salary G. S. S.	83 33
1890.		
Jan. 15.	By paid order No. 27—Bro. Thos. Montgomery, account salary	83 33
Jan. 15.	By paid order No. 28—Bro. Thos. Montgomery, balance rent G. S. L. S. office for 1889.....	62 50
Jan. 15.	By paid order No. 29—Bro. Thos. Montgomery, balance contingent expense.....	50 00
	Balance cash on hand	2,997 14
		\$7,946 45

Jan. 15th, 1890.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. THOMPSON,

Grand Treasurer.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND

In account with J. H. THOMPSON, Treasurer.

1889.

July 1.	To purchase of Minnesota state bonds	\$3,030 00
July 1.	To Minnesota state bonds.....	6,295 94

1890.

Jan. 15.	To cash on hand.....	966 98
		\$10,292 92

1889.

Jan. 16.	By cash on hand as per report.....	\$3,659 48
Jan. 16.	By Minnesota state bonds	6,295 94
July 1.	By 6 months' interest Minnesota state bonds, \$6,000..	135 00

1890.

Jan. 1.	By 6 months' interest Minnesota state bonds, \$9,000..	202 50
		\$10,292 92

ASSETS.

Minnesota state bonds.....	\$9,325 94
Cash in hands of treasurer.....	966 98
	\$10,292 92

Jan. 15, 1890.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. THOMPSON,

Treasurer Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

Bro. Irving Todd offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence:

Resolved, That the following resolutions heretofore adopted in relation to standing committees, be and the same are, hereby repealed:

On Masonic Jurisprudence, Proceedings of 1867, page 600.

On Appropriations, Proceedings of 1872, page 35.

On Auditing, Proceedings of 1873, page 33.

On Printing, Proceedings of 1873, page 21.

On convening certain committees by the Grand Master before the session, Proceedings of 1872, page 37.

On meeting of Committee on Accounts, Proceedings of 1873, page 22.

On Finance, Proceedings of 1885, page 33.

On Subcommittee on Appeals and Grievances, Proceedings of 1885, page 33.

On meeting of Committee on Returns, Proceedings of 1885, page 32; Proceedings of 1886, page 40.

On appointment and meeting of committees, Proceedings of 1887, page 67.

CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was called off until 7:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 7:30 P. M., officers as before. The hall was packed with brethren to witness the exemplification of work in the third degree, which was now performed by the officers of Minneapolis Lodge, No. 19, the Grand Lodge officers vacating their stations for the time being. Grand Officers resumed their stations. The M. · W. · Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, tendered the thanks of the Grand Lodge to W. · Bro. H. M. Myers and the officers of his lodge for the able and impressive manner in which they had worked said degree.

Bro. W. T. Rigby, from Committee on Subdivision and Reference of the Grand Master's Address, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on the Subdivision of the M. · W. · Grand Master's Address would recommend:

That so much thereof as refers to the death of Bros. A. T. C. Pierson and J. W. Morford be referred to a special committee of three.

That so much as refers to lodges U. : D. : be referred to the Committee on Lodges U. : D. :

That so much as refers to masonic comity, lodge by-laws and decisions be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

That so much as refers to Cerneauism be referred to a special committee of five.

That so much as refers to districts and district inspectors be referred to a special committee of three.

That the residue of the address be referred to a special committee of three.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. RIGBY,
F. C. CLARK,
E. Z. NEEDHAM,
Committee.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 9:30 to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, Jan. 16, 1890, 9:30 A. M.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the hour named. Officers and members as at previous session.

The Grand Master announced the following special committees:

ON CERNEAUISM.

Bros. C. H. Benton, E. W. Durant, H. R. Denny, Charles Griswold, G. W. Merrill.

ON DECEASED BRETHREN.

Bros. R. H. Gove, Edwin Dunn, L. E. Day.

ON DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

Bros. Irving Todd, Solon Armstrong, J. J. Fulkerson.

ON RESIDUE OF ADDRESS.

Bros. Thos. C. Bivins, O. C. Hanson, H. A. Willard.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Returns of Lodges beg leave to report that we find there has been:

Initiated.....	833	
Passed.....	835	
Raised.....	835	
Joined.....	288	
Restored.....	43	
		1,166
Withdrawn.....	352	
Stricken from roll.....	165	
Suspended and expelled.....	13	
Died.....	107	
		637
Net gain.....	529	
Present membership.....		11,441

We have examined the returns of the several lodges, and while we find many of them in good form and correct, there are altogether too many errors and omissions, and, as usual, many of them are the result of carelessness.

St. Johns, No. 1. Report 1 suspended for one year, but have not made the deduction from the total of their membership. This would be all right enough if they should not take him up again as restored at the expiration of his sentence. In the latter case they will have a discrepancy of one which will be troublesome to account for.

Cataract, No. 2. We find in their report the name of 1 passed and raised who was initiated and not reported last year. The query arises, How many E.: A.:s and F.: C.:s have they on their record who have not been reported and for whom fees have not been paid?

Hennepin, No. 4. They send us fees for 2 E.: A.:s and 1 F.: C.: not reported by name, etc. We would here state that it is the duty of every lodge to report *all* the work done by it during the year, giving names, dates, etc.

Red Wing, No. 8. Deduct 2 as dimitted, but do not give names and dates.

Faribault, No. 9. Report 2 raised without including in the final report the date of their initiation and passing, thus compelling the Grand Secretary to search through previous returns to find the desired information when entering them on the Grand Lodge Registry. This is a custom that a good many lodges have fallen into, and needs correction.

Mantorville, No. 11. Report 2 joined by dimit and assign them no lodge numbers as distinguished from those made in the lodge. Lodge numbers should be assigned all members in the order of their admission. Their remittance for dues is 40 cents short.

Mankato, No. 12. Heading and date of return omitted. They report 7 joined but add only 6 to total membership, hence we change their starting number for next year from 116 to 117.

Monticello, No. 16. Same omissions as No. 9.

Minneapolis, No. 19. Same omissions as No. 9.

Caledonia, No. 20. Changed their starting number without authority; membership 39, not 37.

Rochester, No. 21. Same omissions as No. 9 and others.

Western Star, No. 26. Same omissions as No. 9 and others.

Blue Earth Valley, No. 27. Same omissions as No. 9 and others, and also omit lodge numbers.

Anoka, No. 30. Overpaid \$4.

King Hiram, No. 31. Omit lodge numbers; starting number was 38, not 40, hence overpaid 80 cents; and present membership 37, not 39. They failed to remit the balance due Grand Lodge last year.

Sakatah, No. 32. Did not send up the 80 cents due from them on account of former errors.

Star in the East, No. 33. Omit lodge numbers.

Mount Moriah, No. 35. No seal; they deduct 80 cents for credit of last year, but there is due from them 80 cents for former years.

Fidelity, No. 39. Omit lodge numbers; raised 6 but remit fees for 7; overpaid \$1; starting number next year 144, not 145.

Herman, No. 41. Owe 10 cents—error in exemptions.

Hope, No. 42. Omit the dates of one joined.

King Solomon, No. 44. Very imperfect returns; omit birthplace—ages—heading of return blank.

Social, No. 48. No seal; present membership 90, not 89.

Watertown, No. 50. Owe 40 cents; membership 29, not 28.

Meridian, No. 56. Lodge numbers omitted.

Blue Earth City, No. 57. Give the same lodge number to two persons.

Star in the West, No. 60. Starting number should have been 72, not 76; overpaid \$2; present membership 69, not 73; error in lodge numbers.

Ashler, No. 61. Membership last year 58, not 54; owe \$1.60 dues; present membership 55.

Illustrious, No. 63. Omit lodge numbers.

Corinthian, No. 67. Error of 1 in starting number, and hence owe 40 cents more than reported for dues, and as they forward \$1 on old account they still owe 40 cents.

Eureka, No. 75. Owe fees for two degrees conferred, \$2. Starting number next year 45, not 44.

Palestine, No. 79. Overpaid \$5 fees.

Henderson, No. 80. Drop 1 in starting number and hence owe 40 cents.

Tyrian, No. 86. Omit columns 5, 6, 7 and 8 in reporting one raised.

Doric, No. 87. Dropped 1 from starting number and owe 40 cents; omit lodge numbers; neither do they report age, occupation, birthplace or residence of any of their work. A new return is needed.

Fraternal, No. 92. Owe \$2.

Keystone, No. 94. Owe \$1.60; numerous errors in the summary; affix a chapter seal; claim deduction for 2 died and 2 withdrawn without stating who they are or when it occurred, hence their membership must be still accounted for as 60, not 56.

Sherburne, No. 95. They send up name of 1 initiated in 1887 for which they have never paid the required fee, hence owe Grand Lodge \$1; lodge numbers are incorrect; have overpaid dues \$1.60 by raising their membership 4 without explanation.

Libanus, No. 96. Overpaid 40 cents by error in membership.

Aurora, No. 100. Overpaid \$2.80.

Fraternity, No. 101. Error in summary; starting number next year 73.

Relief, No. 108. Owe 40 cents; error in membership.

Delta, No. 119. Change starting number and owe 80 cents.

Grand Meadow, No. 121. Owe 40 cents; error in membership.

Janesville, No. 124. Owe 20 cents; fail to give date of one raised.

Josephus, No. 128. Overpaid 40 cents; omit lodge numbers.

Nelson, No. 135. Owe 40 cents dues account of error in starting number.

Walnut, No. 136. Fail to report name of one adjoining.

Verndale, No. 139. Omit lodge numbers.

Little Falls, No. 140. Numerous errors; owe Grand Lodge \$5.20; new return required.

Crookston, No. 141. See remarks on No. 9 and others.

Lakeview, No. 143. See remarks on No. 9 and others; returns very defective.

Bird Island, No. 144. Omit names of those joining.

Quarry, No. 148. Error in starting number; owe 40 cents.

Chaska, No. 151. Overpaid 80 cents.

Frontier, No. 152. Give lodge numbers to E. A. A.'s.

Ada, No. 154. Fail to make returns; they have 26 on the roll, and therefore there is due the Grand Lodge \$10.40.

Tracy, No. 155. Fail to report name of 1 passed.

Long Prairie, No. 159. Owe \$2.60; starting number 32.

Sincerity, No. 161. Owe 40 cents for 1 dropped and dimitted without giving his name or number.

Agate, No. 167. Owe 50 cents; error in account.

Pierson, No. 169. Dropped 4 without explanation and their account is short \$1.60.

Roman Eagle, No. 175. No seal.

Rough Ashler, No. 177. Omit lodge numbers; overpaid 40 cents.

Osakis, No. 180. Returns too incomplete for use.

Dalles, No. 181. Overpaid 40 cents.

DEBIT AND CREDIT SHEET—Continued.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	DUE THE GRAND LODGE.	DUE FROM THE GRAND LODGE.	PAID ON ACCOUNT.	DEDUCTED ACCOUNT OF CREDIT.	LODGE SHORT RE- TURNS OF 1889.	OVERPAID RETURNS OF 1889.	DUE THE GRAND LODGE.	CREDIT OF LODGE.
100	Aurora.....		.40				2.80		3.20
102	Lebanon.....	.40						.40	
103	Bethel.....		.40						.40
106	Mt. Tabor.....	.80							.80
108	Relief.....			1.00		.40		.40	
109	Sunset.....	.40							.40
113	Excelsior.....	.80							.80
116	Lafayette.....	.40			.40				
117	Granite.....	1.20							1.20
119	Delta.....					.80		.80	
121	Grand Meadow.....					.40		.40	
122	Kellogg.....	.40							.40
123	Prairie.....			.40		.20			
124	Janesville.....								
128	Josephine.....	.80					.40	.40	
130	Arcturus.....	.80						.80	
132	Humboldt.....	.80						.80	
135	Nelson.....		1.20		1.20	.40		.40	
136	Walnut.....	.80				5.20		2.00	
140	Little Falls.....		3.20		2.80				
146	Benton.....		2.80			.40			
148	Quarry.....	.80	.40				.80		5.20
151	Chaska.....			1.20					1.20
152	Frontier.....	1.20						2.00	
153	Kodahya.....	2.00				10.40		10.00	
154	Norman.....		.40					.80	
156	Wadena.....	.80						1.00	
157	Perham.....	2.00		1.00		2.60		.40	
159	Long Prairie.....		2.20						1.20
161	Sincerity.....	.40	1.60			1.60		1.60	
169	Pierson.....								
171	Shekinah.....		4.00		4.00		.40		.40
177	Rough Ashler.....						.40		.40
181	Dalles.....					.50			
167	Agate.....								

We submit herewith an abstract of the returns which shows the work done, the money paid, and the amount to be charged to each lodge for dues and fees for 1889, and recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to charge to the account of the several lodges the amount herein reported as their fees and dues for 1889.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. DICKINSON,

JOHN S. NELSON,

Committee.

Adopted. (*For abstract see Appendix C.*)

Bro. E. Z. Needham presented the following:

Resolved, That an applicant for the degrees of Masonry becomes a member of the lodge to which he applies immediately on his receiving the third degree whether he signs the by-laws of that lodge or not.

Referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

Bro. Irving Todd, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted the three following reports:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence would respectfully report that the Grand Lodge of North Dakota was organized at a convention held in Mitchell, June 12 and 13, 1889, at which twenty of the twenty-seven chartered lodges in that jurisdiction were represented. That the proceedings were regular and in accordance with established usage, and have been cordially ratified by the present Grand Lodge.

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Minnesota fraternally welcomes the Grand Lodge of North Dakota into the sisterhood of sovereign and independent Grand Lodges, and that an invitation be extended for a reciprocal exchange of Grand Representatives.

IRVING TODD,

THOS. MONTGOMERY,

Committee.

Adopted.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence would respectfully report that the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales was established in Sydney, Aug. 16, 1888, under articles of union agreed upon by a joint committee from the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, the District Grand Lodge of England, and the District Grand Lodge of Scotland, embracing every subordinate lodge now existing in that Grand Jurisdiction; that the proceedings seem to be regular, and have been duly approved by the parent Grand Lodges of England and Scotland.

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Minnesota hereby extends fraternal recognition to the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, as a sovereign and independent Grand Body, with an invitation to interchange Grand Representatives.

IRVING TODD,
THOS. MONTGOMERY,
Committee.

Adopted.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence would respectfully submit the following extract from the annual address of the Grand Master of Iowa (see Proceedings of 1889, p. 204), with the recommendation that the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence be directed to prepare and submit at this annual communication such legislation upon the subject as may be deemed proper and necessary:

"CONCURRENT BORDER JURISDICTION.

"Nearly, if not all, our American Grand Lodges provide and maintain the right of exclusive jurisdiction over both non-affiliates and profanes residing within their respective jurisdictions.

"While this law is unquestionably right, yet in many cases it works a hardship to many deserving individuals who reside near the borders of the state—those who would gladly avail themselves of lodge membership or privileges if they could be permitted to apply to a lodge near by, but just over the border is another state, but who would probably never apply to a more distant lodge within their own state.

"Cases of this kind are numerous, and applications for waiver of jurisdiction for the accommodation of such persons are frequently made, entailing much correspondence and requiring much time.

"To overcome this difficulty our new code very wisely provides that 'in cases where a contiguous Grand Jurisdiction has or shall enact a like provision as to this Grand Jurisdiction, and shall give its concurrence thereto, a subordinate lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction may receive the petition of a resident of such Grand Jurisdiction for membership, either by affiliation or petition for the degrees, in any case where the petitioner resides nearer to the subordinate lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction than to a lodge in the jurisdiction of his residence, and in all cases of such reciprocal enactments the same right is extended to such Grand Jurisdictions as to residents of this Grand Jurisdiction.'

"This provision having been incorporated in our new law at my suggestion, I felt an interest in having it made effective at the earliest date possible, and to that end, early in July last, I transmitted to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodges of Missouri, Minnesota and Dakota copies of our new code, calling their attention to the provision referred to, and asked that the subject be referred to the Grand Master in

each Grand Jurisdiction, with the request that it be brought before their respective Grand Lodges at their next annual meeting.

"Action was taken on the matter by the Grand Lodge of Missouri last October, and will come up for final action next October.

"I am not informed as to what action, if any, has been taken by the Grand Lodges of Minnesota and Dakota, but, as the subject is one that commends itself to thoughtful consideration, I think it will meet with favorable action in each Grand Lodge at an early date, and I trust my successor will continue to keep the matter before those Grand Lodges until reciprocal action is secured."

No action was taken by the Grand Lodge of Dakota at its annual communication held in June last, probably from the fact that the matter was not presented for its consideration.

IRVING TODD,
THOS. MONTGOMERY,
Committee.

Referred to Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

Bro. Irving Todd submitted the following:

Resolved, That the sum of \$17 be and the same is hereby appropriated to Bro. J. C. Fischer, Grand Tyler, to reimburse him for actual expenses incurred in attendance upon the Grand Lodge at the laying of corner stones at Sauk Centre, Litchfield, and Duluth, and the further sum of \$10 for attendance upon the funeral of Bro. A. T. C. Pierson.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

It being announced that R. : W. : William George Bell, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, was in waiting, R. : W. : A. Barto, Deputy Grand Master, who was presiding, appointed Past Grand Master Chas. W. Nash to introduce the brother. The distinguished brother was accordingly introduced, received with the Grand Honors, welcomed in fitting terms by the D. : G. : Master, and invited to a seat in the Grand East.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Past Grand Master R. H. Gove presented M. : W. : J. A. Kiester as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, near the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, who was received with the customary Grand Honors of Masonry.

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

M. : W. : Bro. J. A. Kiester, from the committee appointed last year on Grand Lodge library, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the M. : W. : Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your committee appointed at the last session to consider the expediency, and also the best method of establishing a Grand Lodge library, beg leave to report that they have had said matters under consideration, and are of the opinion that the establishment of a Grand Lodge library, of a strictly masonic character, is a wise project, and that some action in reference thereto should at once be taken.

In the present age of the world and the condition of the craft, a library has become almost a necessity to the intelligent and successful management of masonic affairs and a proper understanding of the art and science of Masonry.

Speaking more specifically, such a library would be a great aid to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary and other officers of the Grand Lodge and other Grand Masonic bodies, to the Committees on Masonic Jurisprudence, to the Committees on Foreign Correspondence, to the Committees on Ancient Landmarks, and to all our brethren who have an interest in masonic literature of any kind. Your committee are also of the opinion that such library should be the property of the Grand Lodge, but that the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery should be invited to contribute to the library and deposit therein whatever works they may have on masonic literature, from time to time, and share in the use of the library in common with the Grand Lodge, and that such library, if established, shall be open to the use of all Masons of the jurisdiction, under such regulations as may be hereafter established.

Your committee recommend that such library, if established, be under the supervision and control of the trustees of the Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary have the immediate charge of the library as librarian, but without extra compensation, and that the necessary book-cases and shelves be placed in the office of the Secretary for the accommodation of the library.

We further report that we have now on hand several hundred bound volumes and several small book-cases, and that we have also some hundreds of volumes, not bound, of reports of proceedings of Grand Bodies, embracing reports on Foreign Correspondence, many of them of great value, and becoming more valuable each year, and greatly worthy of preservation. All these volumes should be bound at an early day.

It is hence seen that we have already quite a nucleus of a library and these books, with the annual additions received from other Grand Lodges as exchanges, will soon, and with almost impenetrable cost, in a few years grow into a library of considerable dimensions and value.

We also recommend the purchase, at once, of the masonic library of our deceased Bro. Pierson, which contains many rare and valuable works (except such works therein of which the Grand Lodge now has copies), if a reasonable consideration therefor can be agreed upon, and that if satisfactory terms can be made, the trustees be authorized to purchase the same, subject to approval of the Grand Lodge.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the project of establishing a Grand Lodge library of a purely masonic character, and that the same shall be under the supervision and control of the trustees of the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Secretary acting as librarian, be and the same is hereby approved.

Resolved, That the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated from the funds of the Grand Lodge for the several purposes specified: One hundred dollars for binding of books; one hundred dollars for expenses of shelving or book-cases; all to be paid on the warrant of the G. : Master, attested by the G. : Secretary.

J. A. KESTER,
H. R. WELLS,
W. F. DICKINSON,
Committee.

Bro. John E. Davis (3) submitted an inquiry with reference to avouchment which was referred to the Committee on Ancient Landmarks who subsequently made a verbal report.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Bro. Irving Todd submitted the report on Foreign Correspondence, which was ordered printed with the proceedings. (*See Appendix.*)

The Committee on Residue of the Grand Master's Address reported as follows :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on the Residue of the Grand Master's Address would recommend that so much of the address as relates to aid to the family of the late Grand Secretary be referred to a special committee of three.

T. C. BIVINS,
H. A. WILLARD,
Committee.

Adopted.

And Bros. H. R. Wells, H. R. Denny and E. W. Durant were appointed such committee.

TODD'S DIGEST.

The following resolution, offered by Bro. Joseph Underleak, was adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to purchase two hundred and twenty-five copies of Todd's Digest, revision of 1890, at the expense of the Grand Lodge, and forward a copy thereof to the Secretary of each subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction, for the use of said lodge; also, a copy to each of the Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Residue of Address made a further report as follows :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Residue of the Grand Master's Address would respectfully recommend that so much thereof as relates to a statute of limitations, defining the time within which charges may be preferred against a brother for violations of masonic law, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

T. C. BIVINS,
H. A. WILLARD,
Committee.

Concurred in.

The last named committee also recommended that that part of the Grand Master's address relating to securing suitable rooms for the use of the Grand Secretary and for library purposes be referred to the Grand Lodge Trustees with power to secure such rooms as speedily as possible.

Concurred in.

Bro. H. R. Wells, from the special committee on aid to the family of the late Grand Secretary, reported as follows :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your special committee to whom was referred the matter of relief for the widow of our late R. W. Grand Secretary A. T. C. Pierson,

respectfully report that we have duly considered the matter so referred and recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That there be appropriated from the general fund of the treasury of the Grand Lodge, annually, to be paid to the widow of our late Grand Secretary, Mrs. Eleanor Pierson, for her maintenance, the sum of \$1,000, to be paid monthly, from year to year, during her lifetime.

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated from said fund, to be paid to Miss Lida Pierson, daughter of our late Grand Secretary, annually, from year to year, in monthly payments for services to be rendered by her in writing up the Grand Lodge proceedings of this Grand Lodge so long as she shall render such service.

E. W. DURANT,

H. R. WELLS,

H. R. DENNY,

Committee.

A motion to substitute \$500 for \$1,000 in the first resolution was lost.

On motion of Bro. Geo. D. Emery it was voted to divide the question.

Bro. Geo. D. Emery (112) offered the following substitute for the first resolution of the committee:

Resolved, That the sum of seventy-five dollars per month be paid out of the general funds of this Grand Lodge to the widow of the late A. T. C. Pierson, during the ensuing year, or until her death if previously occurring.

Adopted.

The second resolution of the committee was not adopted.

REPORT ON DECEASED BRETHREN.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Deceased Brethren most respectfully report, that we feel that we are not adequate to the duty assigned us, and cannot add to the most eloquent words spoken by the Grand Master. They fully meet the question brought to your attention, and we most heartily commend the same and the whole thereof to the attentive reader, and especially so as to that part which relates to our Past Grand Master Pierson.

R. H. GOVE,

For the Committee.

Adopted.

REPORT ON DISTRICT INSPECTORS.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your special committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Address in relation to District Deputies, would respectfully report, that they have not had sufficient time to intelligently investigate the subject, and therefore ask that they may be permitted to report next year.

IRVING TODD,
SOLON ARMSTRONG,
Committee.

Concurred in.

CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was called off until 2:30 P. M.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, Jan. 16, 1890, 2:30 P. M.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor.

Officers and members as at morning session.

APPLICATIONS FOR RELIEF.

Bro. F. M. Andrews, W. : Master of Washington Lodge, No. 38, of West Concord, presented an application on behalf of said lodge for the relief of the widow of their late brother Fred D. Blinn.

Bro. E. S. H. Adams, W. : M. : of Spring Valley Lodge, No. 58, asked for an increased appropriation for the relief of Bro. M. F. Varney of said lodge.

Bro. T. Montgomery, W. : M. : of Nicollet Lodge, No. 54, at St. Peter, made application on behalf of said lodge for the relief of the the widow of their late brother Cyrus D. Colby.

Bro. Frank A. Hancock, W. : M. : of Golden Sheaf Lodge, No. 133, at Morris, applied for a continuance of the relief given by this Grand Lodge to Mrs. E. Dunken, widow of Bro. Emil Dunken, late of said lodge.

Bro. J. D. Markham, W. : M. : of Jasper Lodge, No. 164, asked for aid to be given to Bro. Fred Longerman, of said lodge, who had been injured by accident.

Bro. M. R. Dresbach, of Relief Lodge, No. 108, Dodge Centre, applied for relief for the family of the late brother A. A. Fairbanks of Dodge Centre.

All the foregoing applications were referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

SPECIAL ORDER — ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The hour having arrived for the special order, the election of officers, Past Grand Master R. H. Gove, by invitation, presided, and appointed as tellers Bros. M. C. Sullivan (117), R. S. Miles (42), C. B. Anderson (41), A. La Due (83), and A. Mar-den (98).

All visiting brethren were requested to retire.

The Grand Secretary was directed to call the roll and a ballot was ordered for Grand Master.

GRAND MASTER.

The tellers announced that M. : W. : Jacob A. Kiester had received a majority of the votes cast, and he was declared duly elected.

Past Grand Master Nash, by direction of the acting Grand Master, conducted the Grand Master elect within the lodge room to the altar, where he was informed of his reelection and signified his acceptance in appropriate terms.

In like manner the roll was called and a ballot taken for the other elective officers, resulting as follows:

Bro. ALPHONSO BARTO was reelected Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. WM. F. DICKINSON was reelected Senior Grand Warden.

Bro. CHARLES D. BOYCE was reelected Junior Grand Warden.

Bro. J. H. THOMPSON was reelected Grand Treasurer.

Bro. THOMAS MONTGOMERY was elected Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts, books, report and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and find them correct.

There was on hand in the General Fund at beginning

of fiscal year.....	\$1,808 10	
Received from Grand Secretary, dues, charters, etc.	6,138 35	
		\$7,946 45
Disbursements, Warrants 1 to 29 inclusive.....		4,949 31
Balance on hand.....		\$2,997 14

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

There was on hand.....	\$3,659 48	
Received account interest on bonds.....	337 50	
		\$3,996 98
Disbursement, purchase of bonds.....	3,030 00	
Balance cash on hand.....		\$966 98.

ASSETS.

Minnesota State Bonds, purchased prior to fiscal year.....	\$6,295 94	
Purchased during this year.....	3,030 00	
		\$9,325 94
		\$10,322 92

The Grand Secretary's books agree with his report, showing that he has received since the date of the last report, moneys as follows:

Total dues and fees of this year as per report of Committee on Returns.....	\$6,533 00	
From this amount deduct delinquents..	\$21 80	
And deductions made by lodges on account of former credits	18 80	40 60
		\$6,492 40
Add amounts overpaid by lodges.....	\$18 60	
Payments on old accounts.....	5 20	23 80
		\$6,516 20
Charter fees paid A. T. C. Pierson.....		75 00
Dispensation fees paid A. T. C. Pierson.....		140 00
		\$6,731 20
Which amount has been paid to the Grand Treasurer.		

We submit herewith a statement of balances due from and to the several lodges as shown by the Grand Lodge ledger.

No.	Lodge.	Dr.	No.	Lodge.	Cr.
7	Dakota	\$ 40	30	Anoka.....	\$4 00
11	Mantorville.....	40	31	King Hiram.....	40
17	Hokah.....	21 60	39	Fidelity.....	1 00
18	Winona	1 00	60	Star in the West.....	2 00
21	Rochester.....	40	79	Palestine.....	5 00
32	Sakatah.....	80	95	Sherburne.....	60
35	Mt. Moriah.....	80	96	Libanus.....	40
41	Hermon.....	50	100	Aurora.....	3 20
47	Concord.....	1 60	103	Bethel.....	40
50	Watertown.....	40	106	Mt. Tabor.....	80
51	Acacia.....	40	109	Sunset.....	40
57	Blue Earth City.....	2 40	113	Excelsior.....	80
61	Ashler.....	1 60	117	Granite.....	1 20
67	Corinthian.....	40	122	Kellogg.....	40
75	Eureka.....	2 00	148	Quarry.....	5 20
80	Henderson.....	40	151	Chaska.....	1 20
89	Doric.....	40	161	Sincerity.....	1 20
92	Fraternal.....	4 80	177	Rough Ashler.....	40
94	Keystone.....	1 60	181	Dalles.....	40
99	Corner Stone.....	40			
102	Lebanon.....	40		Balance.....	37 00
108	Relief.....	40			
119	Delta.....	80			
121	Grand Meadow.....	40			
124	Janesville.....	20			
128	Josephus.....	40			
130	Arcturus.....	80			
132	Humboldt.....	80			
135	Nelson.....	40			
136	Walnut.....	80			
140	Little Falls.....	2 00			
153	Kodahaya.....	2 00			
154	Norman.....	10 00			
156	Wadena.....	80			
157	Perham.....	1 00			
159	Long Prairie.....	40			
167	Agate.....	50			
169	Pierson.....	1 60			
		\$66 00			\$66 00

These amounts also cover the errors occurring the present year and correspond with the errors as shown by the Committee on Returns of Lodges.

Your committee desire to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the fact that the number of errors are increasing with painful regularity and that if some method is not devised to remedy the evil the accounts of the subordinate lodges with the Grand Lodge will soon be in such inextricable confusion that it will be a hopeless undertaking to straighten them out. About half of these errors have been standing on the books since 1886.

We concur in the recommendation of the Grand Secretary that some provision be made for writing up to date the Grand Lodge register and register of charters.

Referring to that portion of the Grand Secretary's report relating to the forwarding of blank returns to the subordinate lodges, we would recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward blank returns to all subordinate lodges at least thirty days prior to January 2d of each year, and that the same instructions regarding the returns of lodge reports and penalty for failures be printed on Blank Lodge reports as heretofore.

We find upon careful examination of the Grand Lodge record book, that it has been written up to include the proceedings of the session of 1889, as per report of our Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge at the beginning of this session. We also find that the cash book and ledger are posted to date. We would make special reference to the ledger in which are kept the accounts with all our subordinate lodges, and would recommend that each and every account be balanced each year, and if a balance shows itself either to the debit or credit, that said balance be made good at once, as by the plan suggested in the following resolution offered by us for adoption by this Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to draw warrants on the Grand Treasurer within thirty days after this session of the Grand Lodge for the sums reported by the Finance Committee as due the subordinate lodges. And that the sums due the Grand Lodge from the subordinate lodges be charged against, and deducted from the mileage and per diem of the representatives of such lodges now in attendance at this session, such amounts to be paid over to the Grand Secretary, to be by him credited to the accounts of the respective lodges. And we further recommend that this be adopted as a permanent rule.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. S. ACKER,
ISRAEL B. B. SPRAGUE,
M. C. SULLIVAN,
G. W. MEAD,
A. BRANDENBURG,
Committee.

Adopted.

Bro. E. P. Barnum offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Appropriations be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to appropriate a sufficient amount to be paid Miss Lida Pierson, she to be employed to write up the Grand Lodge register to date, the same to be done under the supervision of the Grand Secretary.

Concurred in.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances beg leave to report that they have had under consideration an appeal from the judgment of Hennepin Lodge, No. 4, dismissing charges against Bro. George W. Cates of unmasonic conduct, after due trial being had thereon; and we find that a full trial of said charges was had in said Hennepin Lodge, No. 4, which resulted in the acquittal and exoneration of said Bro. Cates. We have fully considered the evidence returned to the Grand Lodge in said matter, and, after due deliberation thereon, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the said judgment of acquittal of said Bro. Cates be and the same is hereby in all things affirmed.

C. L. BROWN,
J. H. SPROUT,
A. D. COUNTRYMAN,
O. WHITMAN,
F. S. BROWN,

Committee.

Adopted.

Bro. George S. Acker presented and read a petition from Bro. Thomas J. Gibson, of Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 5, St. Paul, who proposes to publish a masonic directory of the State of Minnesota, asking such recognition or indorsement of his proposed work as will facilitate his completing the same, by access to official records and returns of lodges.

Laid on the table.

FUNERAL EXPENSES OF LATE GRAND SECRETARY.

The following statement was read by Bro. Geo. S. Acker, and on motion was referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

The undersigned, committee of arrangements for the funeral of M. W. P. Grand Master A. T. C. Pierson, respectfully submit the following statement of expenses incurred by them, as such committee, the vouchers for which are also herewith submitted:

Wm. Dampier, funeral director.....	\$156 18
Ryan Hotel, refreshments at Armory.....	225 00
K. P. Cullen, carriages.....	122 00
Geo. Seibert, services of band.....	60 00

Fred. Will, services of First Regiment Band.....	60 00
Use of Armory.....	25 00
R. C. Munger, music at church.....	6 00
G. R. Metcalf, funeral notices.....	2 00
H. C. Hope, stamp for use on return tickets.....	1 25
Jefferson & Kasson, lumber for tables.....	3 16
Peoples Church, use of church.....	50 00
Rev. S. G. Smith.....	25 00
S. A. Baldwin, organist.....	5 00

\$740 59

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER H. SANBORN, *Grand Commander.*

W. D. CORNISH, *Past Grand Commander.*

Geo. S. ACKER, *Past Grand Junior Warden.*

WILLIAM M. BUSHNELL, *E. C. Damascus Commandery, No. 1.*

R. C. MUNGER, *P. G. Damascus Commandery, No. 1.*

W. H. S. WRIGHT, *E. C. Paladin Commandery, No. 21.*

GEORGE R. METCALF, *Paladin Commandery, No. 21.*

W. P. JEWETT, *H. P. Minn. R. A. C., No. 1.*

G. W. MERRILL, *H. P. Summit R. A. C., No. 45.*

F. A. RANDELS, *St. Paul Lodge, No. 3.*

K. P. CULLEN, *St. Paul Lodge, No. 3.*

GEO. BROOKINS, *Braden Lodge, No. 168.*

JOHN DALE, *Shekinah Lodge, No. 171.*

W. M. TODD, *Midway Lodge, U. D.*

W. G. DE VOL, *P. M. Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 5.*

WALTER HOLCOMB, *W. M. Summit Lodge, No. 163.*

ISRAEL B. B. SPRAGUE, *W. M. Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 5,*
Chairman.

Dated, ST. PAUL, MINN., Dec. 11, 1889.

A resolution offered by Bro. W. B. Patton (79), relative to the adoption of a sign of warning, was indefinitely postponed.

The discussion of the report of the Committee on Cerneauism was on motion made the special order for 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

REPORT ON LODGES U. D.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Lodges U. D. would respectfully report that we have examined the records and returns of the following named lodges U. D., to-wit:

Arcana Lodge, U. D., Minneapolis, Hennepin county.

Fortitude Lodge, U. D., Two Harbors, Lake county.

Fair Haven Lodge, U. D., Fair Haven, Stearns county.

Pelican Lodge, U. F. D. F., Pelican Rapids, Otter Tail county.

Midway Lodge, U. F. D. F., St. Paul, Ramsey county.

Ionic Lodge, U. F. D. F., Duluth, St. Louis county.

Shell Lodge, U. F. D. F., Park Rapids, Hubbard county.

And finding their work good, and such as we can approve, we recommend that, upon a compliance with the constitution of the Grand Lodge in such cases provided, charters be granted to each of the above named lodges.

Your committee would suggest that when Shell Lodge, U. F. D. F., of Park Rapids, is organized, the officer constituting said lodge, or the Grand Secretary, should furnish the same minute instructions in regard to keeping their records.

Fraternally submitted,

J. E. GETMAN,

A. B. FRENCH,

E. P. CROSMAN,

A. D. ROSS,

O. L. DORNBERG,

Committee.

Adopted.

Bro. C. F. F. Abbott (163) offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That no dimit shall be granted by any lodge unless the applicant shall designate in his application the lodge with which he wishes to unite, and the dimit shall be directed to said lodge.

Indefinitely postponed.

The Grand Master elect requested brethren present from the several districts of last year to consult and inform him of their choice for District Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 7:30 P. M.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, Jan. 16, 1890, 7:30 P. M.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 7:30 o'clock, officers and members as at previous session.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The Grand Master elect announced his appointment of the following Grand Lodge officers:

W. : BRO. F. E. SEARLE.....	Grand Orator.
W. : REV. L. D. BOYNTON.....	Grand Chaplain.
W. : BRO. H. C. SHEPARD.....	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. : BRO. C. L. BAXTER.....	Junior Grand Warden.
W. : BRO. H. T. KING.....	Grand Marshal.
W. : BRO. CHAS. SWEETSER.....	Grand Standard Bearer.
W. : BRO. A. D. COUNTRYMAN	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. : BRO. ELIAS LINT	Senior Grand Steward.
W. : BRO. J. S. NELSON	Junior Grand Steward.
W. : BRO. ALEX. D. ROSS.....	Grand Pursuivant.
W. : BRO. J. C. FISCHER.....	Grand Tyler.

INSTALLATION.

On invitation, Past Grand Master H. R. Wells assumed the East, and, assisted by W. : Bro. H. T. King, Grand Marshal, installed the Grand Officers elected and appointed for the ensuing year, except the Grand Orator, who is to be installed in his own lodge.

The following communication from R. : W. : Bro. W. T. Rigby, Grand Representative of Ohio, was read and ordered filed:

ST. PAUL, Jan. 16, 1890.

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

I have a message from the M. : W. : Grand Lodge of Ohio—a message of sympathy for the loss this Grand Lodge has sustained in the death of P. : G. : M. : A. T. C. Pierson, our late Grand Secretary.

I am also requested to extend to you and the brethren here assembled, fraternal greetings and hearty congratulations on the prosperity of the craft in this jurisdiction, and a sincere wish that the fraternal relations which exist between our respective Grand Lodges may grow and strengthen with the growth of each and become closer and more binding as the years roll by.

Fraternally,
W. T. RIGBY.

Bro. L. D. Boynton, Grand Chaplain, made a few remarks about his reception and kindly treatment by the brethren of Manitoba on the occasion of his visit to the session of the Grand Lodge of that province at Winnipeg in February last, and called upon R. . W. . William George Bell, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, who was present, to favor the Grand Lodge with some remarks.

The distinguished visitor did so, much to the interest and edification of all who heard him.

He was followed by Bro. J. H. Davidson of St. Paul, who made some interesting remarks and recited one of Bro. Robert Morris' beautiful poems, "Our Vows."

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 9:30 A. M. to-morrow.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

ST. PAUL, FRIDAY, Jan. 17, 1890, 9:30 A. M.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9:30 o'clock A. M. Officers and members as before.

A resolution offered by Bro. George D. Emery, in regard to purging the Grand Lodge, was ruled not in order.

The Grand Master requested the Grand Lodge Trustees to meet with him in the adjoining room at the close of this session.

The hour having arrived which was made the time for the special order, the consideration of the report of the Committee on "Cerneauism," the committee submitted the following report:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CERNEAUISM.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

We, your special committee to whom was referred that portion of the address of the M. . W. . Grand Master entitled "Cerneauism," beg leave to report that we have investigated and carefully considered the subject, and are satisfied that the facts presented by our M. . W. . Grand Master are substantially correct, and we concur in the opinions on the subject expressed by him. We therefore recommend that the portion of the address mentioned be indorsed and approved by this Grand Lodge.

We beg leave to further report, that, in our opinion, some further and more definite action by this Grand Lodge is required at this time, that there be no longer cause for any contention among us, except that noble contention, or rather emulation, which we are taught to encourage.

We respectfully submit the following statement, which, in our opinion, presents facts that are beyond question. Most of these facts are presented to us by our M. : W. : Grand Master, and in repeating them we use largely the well-chosen words in which he presented them.

I.

"Every Mason's primary or original allegiance and support are due to the Craft lodges. This is demanded of us because Ancient Craft or Symbolic Masonry takes precedence of all others in age, universality, dignity and power. But this is not all. Without the Blue or Craft lodges and Masonry there is no Masonry at all. All that is above, as is usually said, is but amplifications of the teachings in some respect of Ancient Craft Masonry, and all so-called higher degrees rest upon the Craft lodges and degrees. It may be said, with much truth, that the man who has taken the three Ancient Craft degrees is as much a Mason as he ever can be, and without them he cannot be a Mason at all."

II.

Other bodies for many years, and some of them almost from time immemorial, have conferred so-called higher masonic degrees based solely upon the three degrees which belong to this Grand Lodge. We refer particularly to chapters, councils, commanderies, and the different bodies of Scottish Rite Masonry. These bodies have always been regarded as masonic throughout the masonic world, and have been recognized as such so long that they have come to be a part of our great masonic system, and their teachings may now be said to be legitimate Masonry.

III.

In this jurisdiction this Grand Lodge has the exclusive control of its three degrees, and the undoubted right not only to say how and by whom they shall be conferred, but also to say who may, and who shall not, build thereon.

IV.

In the masonic world it is universally conceded that a governing body which has already occupied a particular territory and established its subordinates therein, has exclusive jurisdiction over that territory. Were it not so neither peace nor harmony would anywhere prevail.

V.

Many years ago an agreement was entered into, between the different Scottish Rite bodies of the United States, then active, by which the territory of the United States was divided, and a certain portion given to

the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction, and the remainder, including Minnesota, to the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction. Ever since that time these two Scottish Rite bodies have occupied that territory, and for a good many years exercised exclusive jurisdiction therein, and they now claim exclusive jurisdiction therein.

VI.

These two Scottish Rite bodies are to-day recognized as legitimate by every masonic body in the masonic world with which this Grand Lodge is in fraternal communication.

VII.

The Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction, of which Venerable Bro. Albert Pike is Sovereign Grand Commander, has always been permitted by this Grand Lodge to build upon its degrees in this jurisdiction.

VIII.

Recently, and within about six years, as we are informed, a so-called Scottish Rite body, styling itself, The Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite of the United States of America, has established bodies within Minnesota, and has claimed the right to confer, and has conferred, upon Master Masons its so-called higher degrees, based upon the three degrees of this Grand Lodge. It has never had any authority to do so from this Grand Lodge, either express or implied.

IX.

This body is not recognized by, or in fraternal communication with, any masonic body anywhere in the masonic world with which this Grand Lodge is in fraternal communication.

X.

The existence and practices of this body within this jurisdiction have created and are creating "bitter strifes, divisions and enmities among our brethren, dividing and weakening the lodges, and endangering not only the harmony and success but the very existence of Craft Masonry, already going so far in this direction in some of our sister jurisdictions, as in Ohio and Iowa, as to get into the courts."

XI.

"This Grand Lodge is the conservator of the peace and harmony of all Craft Masons and lodges under its jurisdiction. It possesses the right of self-protection and self-preservation, and must of necessity have and exercise the right to judge and declare what is masonic and what is regular or irregular Masonry, so far as it affects all Craft Masons under its jurisdiction, and what, in a masonic sense, makes for

them good or ill, as Masons, and not only has it the right to declare itself thus, but to discipline those who mislead their brethren or cause disturbances. These are the natural, necessary, inherent and reasonable powers of every Grand Lodge."

It is the opinion of your committee that this Grand Lodge has no occasion to inquire, and should not attempt to inquire, as to the ancestry of either the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite of the United States of America, or of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States.

It is also the opinion of your committee that it is not only the right but the duty of this Grand Lodge to say that only one Scottish Rite body shall build upon its degrees, and to say which one may do so. If our Grand Lodge does not do this, its own integrity will be endangered, and its stability shaken. Surely, no man or body of men, not authorized to do so by this Grand Lodge can confer any of the degrees of this Grand Lodge within this jurisdiction. It is equally clear that no society or body of men, whether styling themselves masonic or not, can adopt the three degrees which belong to this Grand Lodge, or make them, or any of them, the base upon which to erect what they are pleased to term other degrees, except only such bodies as this Grand Lodge pleases to recognize as masonic, and to allow to do so. Surely, too, this Grand Lodge can do anything for the protection of the craft, and adopt any measure which it thinks for the good of its subordinate lodges.

Your committee therefore recommends the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge recognizes as masonic the following societies or organizations now existing in the State of Minnesota, to-wit: The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, together with the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Minnesota, and those chapters and bodies existing under and by virtue of its authority; the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America, together with the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Minnesota, and the councils and bodies existing under and by virtue of its authority; the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, together with the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Minnesota, and the commanderies and bodies existing under and by virtue of its authority; the Supreme Council of the 33d degree of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, of which Venerable Bro. Albert Pike is Sovereign Grand Commander, and its subordinates, meaning all the bodies existing under and by virtue of its authority. And that, as they have so long done so in the past, without objections from this Grand Lodge, they may continue to adopt the first three degrees of Masonry, named by us respectively, Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, as the base upon which to erect their so-called higher degrees, and may, within their duly organized bodies,

with the usual masonic obligations and precautions to preserve the same, use so much of the esoteric ceremonies of the first three degrees as may be necessary for the purpose.

Resolved, That no other society or organizations, except only the lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, whether styling themselves masonic or not, now existing in the State of Minnesota, or which shall hereafter exist, or attempt an existence therein, is masonic, or has, or shall have, any of the rights or privileges mentioned above; and that any society or organization not named in the foregoing list, which exercises or attempts to exercise any of those rights or privileges, is hereby declared to be irregular; and,

Resolved, That the following laws be, and they are hereby, enacted, and published and declared to be in force as such, from and after this date:

I. No Mason within this jurisdiction or of its obedience shall join or be initiated in, or in any manner, or to any extent, affiliate, associate or connect himself with or take upon himself any obligation of the so-called Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite of the United States of America, by whatever name it may be known, or of any man or body of men of its obedience or acting or claiming to act under or by virtue of its authority, or of any Cerneau Council or body.

II. No Mason within this jurisdiction or of its obedience shall be present at the conferring, or shall confer or assist in conferring any degree or obligation or any of the rights or privileges of the so-called Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite of the United States of America, by whatever name it may be known, or of any man or body of men of its obedience, or acting or claiming to act under or by virtue of its authority, or of any Cerneau Council or body.

III. Any Mason who disobeys the above, or who violates any of the foregoing provisions, shall be deemed guilty of unmasonic conduct, and shall upon conviction thereof be punished therefor by expulsion from Masonry.

Dated January 17th, A. L. 5890.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. BENTON,
E. W. DURANT,
H. R. DENNY,
G. W. MERRILL,

Committee.

An amendment, offered by Bro. Geo. H. Davis, to include the "Order of the Mystic Shrine" among those degrees or orders reported by the committee as legitimate Masonry, was lost, as was also an amendment, offered by Bro. E. P. Barnum, to have included the "Order of the Eastern Star." After considerable discussion Bro. Geo. H. Davis offered the following substitute for the report of the committee:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge recognizes no degrees as authorized by ancient and primitive Craft Masonry excepting the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason; and further, that this Grand Lodge declines to recognize as duly constituted masonic bodies any other than the Grand and subordinate bodies properly having such degrees in charge.

Pending action on the substitute the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2:30 P. M.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

ST. PAUL, FRIDAY, Jan. 17, 1890, 2:30 P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2:30 P. M. Officers and members as before.

The discussion of "Cerneauism" was resumed. The call of lodges was ordered on the vote to adopt the substitute offered by Bro. Davis.

There were ayes, 126; noes, 255. So the substitute was declared not carried.

On motion to adopt the report of the committee, Bro. Irving Todd asked that the roll of lodges be called, and it was so ordered.

On roll call the vote was as follows: To adopt the report, ayes, 262; noes, 110. So the report of the Committee on "Cerneauism" was adopted as read.

Bro. George D. Emery (112), who led the discussion in opposition to the report of the committee, as soon as the report was declared adopted, stepped forward and verbally protested against the action of the Grand Lodge in adopting said report, as being unconstitutional. He at the same time stated that as a true and loyal Mason he would acquiesce in the decision of the Grand Lodge on this question, and gave public notice that henceforth he would have nothing to do with Cerneauism (applause) until such time as this Grand Lodge should see fit to reverse its action.

He then filed with the Grand Secretary the following protest:

I respectfully protest against the action of the Grand Lodge on the matter of "Cerneauism" as unconstitutional and not warranted by the facts or by masonic law.

Bro. Edgar Nash, P. G. S. Warden, also announced that he was done with Cerneauism.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PAY ROLL.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Pay Roll respectfully submit the following report:

PAY ROLL—1890.

GRAND OFFICERS.	MILE-AGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL PAID.	TO WHOM PAID.
M. W. J. A. Kiester, G. M.	\$5.00	\$9.00	\$14.00	J. A. Kiester.
R. W. Alphonso Barto, D. G. M.	4.70	9.00	13.70	A. Barto.
R. W. W. F. Dickinson, S. G. W.	5.20	9.00	14.20	W. F. Dickinson.
R. W. Chas. D. Boyce, J. G. W.	.50	9.00	9.50	Chas. D. Boyce.
R. W. J. H. Thompson, G. T.	.50	9.00	9.50	J. H. Thompson.
R. W. Thos. Montgomery, G. S.	2.75	9.00	11.75	Thos. Montgomery.
R. W. Rev. L. D. Boynton, G. C.	.50	9.00	9.50	L. D. Boynton.
W. H. T. King, G. M.	1.00	9.00	10.00	H. T. King.
W. Levi W. Folsom, S. G. D.	1.80	9.00	10.80	L. W. Folsom.
W. Jerome E. Cooley, J. G. D.	5.35	9.00	14.35	J. E. Cooley.
W. Alexander Fiddes, G. St. B.	6.30	9.00	15.30	Alex. Fiddes.
W. C. L. Baxter, S. G. S.	8.15	9.00	17.15	C. L. Baxter.
W. O. H. Page, G. P.	7.00	9.00	16.00	O. H. Page.
W. J. C. Fischer, G. T.	.....	9.00	.....	J. C. Fischer.
PAST GRAND OFFICERS.				
Charles W. Nash, P. G. M.	.50	9.00	9.50	C. W. Nash.
Charles Griswold, P. G. M.	.....	9.00	9.00	Chas. Griswold.
E. W. Durant, P. G. M.	1.00	9.00	10.00	E. W. Durant.
Henry R. Wells, P. G. M.	8.20	9.00	17.20	H. R. Wells.
C. H. Benton, P. G. M.	.50	9.00	9.50	C. H. Benton.
Henry R. Denny, P. G. M.	.25	9.00	9.25	H. R. Denny.
R. H. Gove, P. G. M.	4.75	9.00	13.75	R. H. Gove.
W. T. Rigby, P. D. G. M.	3.00	9.00	12.00	W. T. Rigby.
J. N. Castle, P. D. G. M.	1.00	9.00	10.00	J. N. Castle.
Geo. H. Davis, P. D. G. M.	5.55	9.00	14.55	George H. Davis.
Thomas Lombard, P. S. G. W.	1.35	9.00	10.35	Thos. Lombard.
Edgar Nash, P. S. G. W.	.50	9.00	9.50	Edgar Nash.
L. Z. Rogers, P. S. G. W.	2.65	9.00	11.65	L. Z. Rogers.
Wm. Lee, P. J. G. W.	1.00	9.00	10.00	Wm. Lee.
E. P. Barnum, P. J. G. W.	4.70	9.00	13.70	E. P. Barnum.
A. J. Edgerton, P. J. G. W.	9.00	9.00	18.00	A. J. Edgerton.
C. H. Smith, P. J. G. W.	7.00	9.00	16.00	C. H. Smith.
Albert Marden, P. J. G. W.	4.15	9.00	13.15	A. Marden.
A. La Due, P. J. G. W.	4.50	9.00	13.50	A. La Due.
George S. Acker, P. J. G. W.	.....	9.00	9.00	Geo. S. Acker.
COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.				
Wm. F. Dickinson, 2 days	.....	6.00	6.00	W. F. Dickinson.
John S. Nelson, 5 days	1.50	15.00	16.50	John S. Nelson.
George S. Acker, 1 day	.....	3.00	3.00	Geo. S. Acker.
O. Whitman, 1 day	2.00	3.00	5.00	O. Whitman.

PAY ROLL—1890.

NO.	REPRESENTATIVES.	MILEAGE. 1890.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL PAID.	TO WHOM PAID.
1	St. Johns.....	\$1.00	\$9.00	\$10.00	T. C. Clark.
2	Cataract.....	.50	9.00	9.50	Solon Armstrong.
3	St. Paul.....		9.00	9.00	J. E. Davis.
4	Hennepin.....	.50	9.00	9.50	J. H. Randall.
5	Ancient Landmark.....		9.00	9.00	I. B. B. Sprague.
6	Dakota.....	.80	9.00	9.80	W. W. Weeks.
7	Red Wing.....	1.65	9.00	10.65	John H. Rich.
8	Fairbault.....	2.05	9.00	11.05	L. Hawley.
9	Mantorville.....	4.50	9.00	13.50	S. N. Dart.
11	Mankato.....	3.25	9.00	12.25	Geo. W. Mead.
12	Wapahasa.....	2.80	9.00	11.80	H. M. Dugan.
14	Monticello.....	2.00	9.00	11.00	E. S. Gibbs.
16	Hokah.....	5.80	9.00	14.80	A. J. Snure.
17	Winona.....	4.15	9.00	13.15	H. C. Shepard.
18	Minneapolis.....	.50	9.00	9.50	H. M. Myers.
19	Caledonia.....	6.30	9.00	14.80	Hudson Wheaton.
20	Rochester.....	4.75	9.00	13.75	Jno. J. Fulkerson.
21	Pleasant Grove.....	4.65	9.00	13.65	George Logan.
22	North Star.....	3.00	9.00	12.00	T. C. Wing.
23	Wilton.....	3.90	9.00	12.90	Wm. Orcutt.
24	Western Star.....	4.75	9.00	13.75	F. B. Fobes.
25	Blue Earth Valley.....	4.70	9.00	13.70	B. F. Goodwin.
26	Clearwater.....	2.50	9.00	11.50	E. P. Crosman.
27	Morning Star.....	4.85	9.00	13.85	Fred Welch.
28	Anoka.....	1.15	9.00	10.15	O. L. Cutter.
29	King Hiram.....	1.35	9.00	10.35	W. H. Baier.
30	Sakatah.....	3.00	9.00	12.00	C. H. Robinson.
31	Star in the East.....	2.75	9.00	11.75	G. D. Holden.
32	Oriental.....	2.40	9.00	11.40	Wm. Tanner.
33	Mt. Moriah.....	1.00	9.00	10.00	J. L. Powers.
34	Preston.....	6.50	9.00	15.50	Elias Lint.
35	Mystic Tie.....	7.00	9.00	16.00	C. L. Parham.
36	Washington.....	2.50	9.00	11.50	F. M. Andrews.
37	Fidelity.....	3.90	9.00	12.90	L. E. Day.
38	Carnellian.....	2.35	9.00	11.35	E. J. Manning.
39	Hermon.....	4.30	9.00	13.30	C. B. Anderson.
40	Hope.....	2.50	9.00	11.50	W. C. Russell.
41	Harmony.....	7.15	9.00	16.15	C. D. Jacobs.
42	Union.....	2.20	9.00	11.20	John Taylor.
43	Concord.....	3.25	9.00	12.20	A. B. French.
44	Social.....	1.60	9.00	10.60	F. A. Noble.
45	Rising Sun.....	4.45	9.00	13.45	R. A. Johnson.
46	Watertown.....	3.55	9.00	10.40	Frank S. Coffin.
47	Acacia.....	1.10	9.00	10.10	Irving T. Morey.
48	Cannon River.....	2.65	9.00	11.65	Chas. Sweetser.
49	Nicollet.....	2.75	9.00	11.75	W. H. Hall.
50	Zion.....	2.50	9.00	11.50	C. E. Peaslee.
51	Meridian.....	8.10	9.00	17.10	Joseph Underleak.
52	Blue Earth City.....	5.05	9.00	14.05	J. H. Sprout.
53	Spring Valley.....	5.10	9.00	14.10	E. G. H. Adams.
54	Temple.....	2.80	9.00	11.80	W. W. Sivright
55	Star in the West.....	4.70	9.00	13.70	H. S. Doty.
56	Ashler.....	6.40	9.00	15.40	J. T. Pierce.
57	Star.....	2.00	9.00	11.00	D. R. Thompson.
58	Illustrious.....	5.30	9.00	14.30	G. R. Hall.
59	Chain Lake.....	5.35	9.00	14.35	M. E. L. Shanks.
60	Golden Rule.....	1.00	9.00	10.00	C. H. Pratt.
61	Madella.....	4.15	9.00	11.80	J. T. Furber.
62	Corinthian.....	1.05	9.00	10.05	E. Z. Needham.
63	Mystic Star.....	8.20	9.00	17.20	G. W. Rockwell.
64	Paynesville.....	5.56	9.00	14.56	A. L. Elliott.
65	Browsville.....	5.45	9.00	8.80	E. M. Winslow.
66	Eureka.....	5.90	9.00	14.90	A. J. Porter.
67	Joppa.....	3.10	9.00	12.10	Lysander Cook.
68	Tuscan.....	3.05	9.00	12.05	M. M. Davidson.
69	Mystic Circle.....	2.00	9.00	11.00	J. C. Briggs.
70	Palestine.....	5.35	9.00	14.35	J. E. Cooley.
71	Henderson.....	3.05	9.00	12.05	J. B. Kirby.

PAY ROLL—1890 (Continued).

NO.	REPRESENTATIVES.	MILEAGE. 1890.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL PAID.	TO WHOM PAID.
81	Constellation.....	\$5.60	\$9.00	\$14.60	T. B. Van Hoesen.
82	Howard.....	.50	9.00	9.50	C. W. Rickerson.
83	Huram Abl.....	3.25	9.00	12.25	M. Troutman.
84	Orient.....	5.45	9.00	9.20	F. F. Butler.
85	High Forest.....	5.25	9.00	14.25	Frank Dean.
86	Tyrian.....	4.85	9.00	13.85	E. L. Ford.
89	Golden Fleece.....	3.05	9.00	12.05	A. D. Ross.
91	Antiquity.....	4.70	9.00	13.70	O. L. Dornberg.
92	Fraternal.....	3.40	9.00	12.40	Wm. Cordiner.
93	Unity.....	4.65	9.00	13.65	A. W. Gordon.
94	Keystone.....	4.65	9.00	13.65	F. P. James.
95	Sherburne.....	1.65	9.00	10.65	B. F. Mabie.
96	Libanus.....	4.90	9.00	11.20	M. E. Mullen.
97	Prudence.....	5.75	9.00	14.75	John Hutton, per C. H. Smith
98	Charity.....	4.15	9.00	13.15	C. Berry.
99	Corner Stone.....	7.50	9.00	16.50	A. Brandenburg.
100	Aurora.....	5.55	9.00	14.55	M. McFadden.
101	Fraternity.....	7.00	9.00	16.00	C. W. Smith.
103	Bethel.....	3.70	9.00	12.70	W. R. Robinson.
104	Sharon.....	4.10	9.00	13.10	B. F. Jenness.
106	Mt. Tabor.....	9.35	9.00	18.35	C. G. Sturdevant.
108	Relief.....	4.30	9.00	13.30	M. R. Dresbach.
109	Sunset.....	5.75	9.00	14.75	Wm. Dunbrack.
110	Pickwick.....	4.15	9.00	13.15	P. S. Taylor.
111	Carver.....	1.64	9.00	10.64	J. S. Barnard.
112	Khurum.....	.50	9.00	9.50	Geo. D. Emery.
113	Excelsior.....	1.00	9.00	10.00	Geo. C. Shuck.
114	Ben Franklin.....	8.30	9.00	17.30	C. O. Hawes.
115	Elgin.....	5.90	9.00	14.90	D. W. Searles.
116	Lafayette.....	4.10	9.00	13.10	O. E. Sleeper.
117	Granite.....	5.20	9.00	14.20	M. C. Sullivan.
118	Newport.....	.50	9.00	9.50	J. Q. Mackintosh.
119	Delta.....	4.70	9.00	13.70	E. S. Healy.
121	Grand Meadow.....	4.70	9.00	13.70	W. H. Bentley.
122	Kellogg.....	1.20	9.00	10.20	G. B. Albertson.
123	Prairie.....	5.15	9.00	14.15	C. W. Treat.
124	Janesville.....	3.70	9.00	12.70	D. J. Dodge.
125	Winslow Lewis.....	1.00	9.00	10.00	G. M. Henry.
126	Moorhead.....	12.00	9.00	20.40	J. B. Auxer.
129	Swift.....	5.30	9.00	14.30	Arnold D. Aldrich.
130	Arcturus.....	3.65	9.00	12.65	O. Whitman.
131	Alma.....	4.35	9.00	13.35	C. F. Wenham.
132	Humboldt.....	2.00	9.00	11.00	A. O. Malmgren.
133	Golden Sheaf.....	6.75	9.00	15.75	F. A. Hancock.
134	Cokato.....	2.80	9.00	11.80	John P. Olson.
135	Nelson.....	3.00	9.00	10.00	O. H. Bushnell.
136	Walnut.....	6.25	9.00	10.60	W. H. Turner.
137	Appleton.....	6.16	9.00	15.16	J. T. Wilkinson.
138	Orion.....	5.30	9.00	14.30	E. A. D. Salter.
139	Verndale.....	6.95	9.00	15.95	C. E. Bullerd.
141	Crookston.....	11.70	9.00	20.70	R. Smith.
142	Currie.....	7.36	9.00	16.36	H. C. Grass.
143	Lakeview.....	7.00	9.00	16.00	J. T. Crippen.
144	Bird Island.....	4.00	9.00	13.00	Geo. Crouley.
145	Melrose.....	4.35	9.00	13.35	E. E. Clark.
146	Benton.....	7.95	9.00	13.80	John H. Hanson.
148	Quarry.....	8.35	9.00	17.35	Chas. Mylius.
149	Guardian.....	2.90	9.00	11.90	J. M. Kisner.
150	Warren.....	13.20	9.00	22.20	J. E. Hunter.
151	Chaska.....	1.70	9.00	10.70	E. A. Taylor.
153	Kodahya.....	22.20	9.00	20.20	H. W. Dart.
155	Tracy.....	6.95	9.00	15.95	F. S. Brown.
156	Wadena.....	6.35	9.00	15.35	John Knight.
157	Perham.....	14.00	9.00	16.20	Henry Plowman.
158	Hector.....	3.60	9.00	11.80	W. D. Griffith.
159	Long Prairie.....	6.00	9.00	9.80	W. Gutches.
160	Plymouth.....	.50	9.00	9.50	G. E. Swift.

PAY ROLL—1890 (*Concluded*).

NO.	REPRESENTATIVES.	MILEAGE. 1890.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL PAID.	TO WHOM PAID.
161	Sincerity.....	\$5.60	\$9.00	\$14.60	D. C. Wolfe.
162	Prescott.....	8.20	9.00	17.20	E. W. Snyder.
163	Summit.....		9.00	9.00	C. F. F. Abbott.
164	Jasper.....	2.15	9.00	11.15	J. D. Markham.
165	Minnehaha.....	.50	9.00	9.50	Frank Gunther.
166	Garnet.....	.30	9.00	9.30	Geo. Maxon.
168	Braden.....		9.00	9.00	Geo. Brookins.
169	Pierson.....	8.75	9.00	17.75	F. D. Bell.
171	Shekinah.....		9.00	9.00	John Dale.
172	Marietta.....	7.68	9.00	16.60	Geo. M. Brown.
173	Plumblin.....	3.65	9.00	12.65	M. K. Nelson.
174	Valley.....	3.49	9.00	11.00	M. H. Tracy.
175	Roman Eagle.....	7.60	9.00	11.00	J. R. Jones.
176	Ark.....	.50	9.00	9.50	James S. Ingalls.
177	Rough Ashler.....	1.60	9.00	10.60	J. W. Cottier.
178	Anchor.....	3.85	9.00	12.85	Geo. E. Putney.
179	King David.....	5.45	9.00	14.45	G. B. Franklin.
180	Osakis.....	4.00	9.00	10.80	John S. Rock.
				\$2401.92	

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence most respectfully report, that they have carefully examined the following resolutions and recommend their adoption:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted in 1872, page 36, requiring the annual address of the Grand Master and the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer to be printed in advance of the annual communication be and the same is hereby repealed.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to procure suitable record books, in which he shall accurately transcribe at the time of their issuance all dispensations for new lodges, all charters, and all credentials to representatives residing near other Grand Lodges.

Also, so much of the Grand Master's address as refers to a statute of limitations defining the time within which charges may be preferred against a brother for violation of masonic law.

It is the opinion of your committee that such a regulation would not be in accord with the true principles of Masonry, but rather subversive of the same, allowing the violator immunity from the penalties justly his due, simply from the fact that the violation remains unknown for a specified period of time without in any way changing his guilt. We would therefore recommend that no action be taken by this Grand Lodge on this subject.

Also, that they have considered the matter of concurrent border jurisdiction, and respectfully report that, in their opinion, the present regu-

lations of this Grand Lodge relating to the jurisdiction of its subordinate lodges over persons residing therein, providing as they do for the waiver of such jurisdiction through the proper channel by the lodges interested, are sufficient for all cases which may arise.

Also, a resolution in regard to the length of terms of Grand Lodge representatives residing near other Grand Lodges—and would respectfully recommend that this Grand Lodge take no action in this matter during this Grand Communication.

All of which is most respectfully and fraternally submitted.

H. R. WELLS,
H. R. DENNY,
C. H. BENTON,
CHAS. GRISWOLD,
E. W. DURANT,

Committee.

Adopted.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence beg leave to report further, that we have carefully examined the decisions of our M. W. Grand Master during the present year, being numbered 1 to 12 inclusive, and find them in accordance with masonic law.

We therefore recommend that they be approved.

C. H. BENTON,
CHAS. GRISWOLD,
H. R. DENNY,
E. W. DURANT,
H. R. WELLS,

Committee.

Adopted.

On motion of Bro. Geo. S. Acker, the petition of Bro. Thomas J. Gibson, presented yesterday, was taken from the table and referred to a committee consisting of the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for such action as they may see fit to take in the matter.

The Committee on Appropriations, through P. G. Master H. R. Wells, chairman, submitted the following report:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Appropriations have had under consideration the various matters submitted to them, and recommend appropriations in the sums for the purposes hereinafter stated respectively, or so much thereof as may be necessary, viz.:

For amount of pay roll, session of 1890	\$2,500 00
For expenses of Grand Master J. A. Kiester, 1889.....	300 00
For salary of Grand Secretary, 1890.....	1,000 00
For the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	250 00
For J. C. Fischer, Grand Tyler, session 1890.....	25 00
For J. C. Fischer, Grand Tyler, expenses during 1889.....	27 00
For contingent expenses Grand Secretary's office.....	175 00
For rent of Grand Secretary's office, 1890.....	162 50
Fro Bro. M. M. Clark, Assistant Grand Secretary 1890.....	25 00
For insurance on Grand Lodge property.....	77 00
For printing Grand Lodge proceedings 1890.....	600 00
For phototypes of Past Grand Masters Denny and Gove.....	120 00
For E. E. Davidson, rent of committee rooms 1890.....	6 00
For Geo. S. Acker, record book for trustees, etc.....	5 00
For Spring Valley Lodge, No. 58, for relief of Bro. M. F. Varney and wife.....	200 00
For Nicollet Lodge, No. 54, for relief of the widow of Bro. Cyrus D. Colby.....	100 00
For Golden Sheaf Lodge, No. 133, for relief of the widow of Bro. Emil Dunken.....	75 00
For Relief Lodge, No. 108, for the relief of the family of Bro. A. A. Fairbanks, deceased	50 00
For Jasper Lodge, No. 164, for the relief of Bro. Fred Longeman	75 00
For Washington Lodge, No. 38, for the relief of the widow of Bro. Fred D. Blinn.....	50 00
For relief of Mrs. Eleanor C. Pierson, widow of Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, for ensuing year, as per resolution.....	900 00
For Miss Lida Pierson, for assistance to be rendered the Grand Secretary	250 00
For funeral expenses of Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, late Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master	740 59
	<u>\$7,713 09</u>

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. WELLS,
I. P. DURFEE,
JOHN S. NELSON,
Committee.

Adopted.

VOTE OF THANKS.

On motion the thanks of this Grand Lodge was voted to Minnesota Chapter, No. 1, Royal Arch Masons, for the use of their hall during the present session.

Also, to the various railroad companies for the customary reduction of fare to the brethren attending this Grand Lodge.

PRESENTATION BY MRS. PIERSON.

Mrs. E. C. Pierson, widow of the late Grand Secretary, Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, through Past Grand Master H. R. Wells, presented the Grand Lodge with the large portrait of her late husband and other pictures in the office of the Grand Secretary, and also with the very richly embroidered regalia (scarf and apron) worn by Bro. Pierson while Grand Master, from 1856 to 1864, in token of her appreciation of the kindness shown herself and family and of the honors paid to the memory of her deceased husband. The Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, accepted the same, and on motion the Grand Secretary was directed to convey to Mrs. Pierson the thanks of the Grand Lodge for the aforementioned gifts, which in due time he did, as follows:

GRAND LODGE OF MINNESOTA, A. F. & A. M. }
OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY,
ST. PAUL, MINN., Jan. 17, 1890. }

Mrs. Eleanor C. Pierson, St. Paul,

DEAR MADAM: The Grand Lodge having accepted the elegant and costly regalia of your late husband, and his large portrait and the other pictures in the office of the Grand Secretary, which you were pleased this day to present them, the Grand Secretary was directed to convey to you their thanks.

In doing so he begs leave to assure you of the high personal regard entertained for you by the officers and members of the Grand Lodge, not only on account of the valuable services rendered Masonry by your late distinguished husband, whose memory we all revere, but for reasons personal to yourself; for it is well known that you were truly his helpmeet in matters masonic as well as domestic, and all agree that if he was the Father of Masonry in Minnesota, you, with equal propriety, may be termed its Mother, for you held up his hands in all his efforts to promulgate the principles of Freemasonry and to establish its various bodies in this state.

Please accept, therefore, the unanimous thanks of the Grand Lodge for the very acceptable gifts referred to. They will be carefully preserved, and we hope that, during the generations to come, they will be regarded with feelings akin to veneration by the fraternity, as they assemble in Grand Annual Communication, and with pardonable pride will be pointed out as having been once possessed by the founder of the

Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and who was for twenty-three years its Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

With assurances of personal esteem, I am truly and sincerely yours,

THOS. MONTGOMERY,

Grand Secretary.

In this connection the Grand Secretary, at the request of "Mother" Pierson, places upon record her heartfelt appreciation of the favors done herself and family by the Grand Lodge in providing for their maintenance, and their sincere thanks therefor.

The M. . W. . Grand Master appointed the following standing committees:

ON RETURNS OF LODGES.

Bros. W. F. Dickinson, O. Whitman, J. E. Cooley.

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Bros. Thos. Montgomery, Irving Todd, E. P. Barnum.

CLOSING.

No further business appearing, the Thirty-seventh Annual Communication of the M. . W. . Grand Lodge of Minnesota of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons was closed in AMPLE FORM, the Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. L. D. Boynton, offering the closing prayer.

J. A. KIESTER,

Grand Master.



Attest:

THOS. MONTGOMERY,

Grand Secretary

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX

APPENDIX A—GRAND OFFICERS.

ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS OF THE G. L. OF MINNESOTA, FROM ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1853 TO THE PRESENT TIME.

YEAR.	GRAND MASTER.	No. Loc.	DEPUTY G. M.	No. Loc.	SENIOR G. W.	No. Loc.	JUNIOR G. W.	No. Loc.	G. TREASURER	No. Loc.	G. SECRETARY.	No. Loc.
1853	A. E. Ames†	2	A. Goodrich†	3	D. F. Brawley†	3	A. Van Vorhes†	1	E. Caser†	2	J. G. Lennett†	2
1854	A. E. Ames†	2	D. F. Brawley†	3	A. Van Vorhes†	3	A. T. C. Pierson†	5	E. Caser†	4	H. Reynolds†	2
1855	M. Sherburne†	5	A. T. C. Pierson†	2	A. Van Vorhes†	6	A. Van Vorhes†	4	E. Caser†	4	H. Reynolds†	2
1856	A. T. C. Pierson†	5	H. N. Seizer†	2	Thomas Lombard†	2	William Lee†	4	E. Caser†	4	H. Reynolds†	2
1857	A. T. C. Pierson†	1	Wm. H. Nowel†	4	E. A. Hodgson†	11	A. C. Smith†	7	E. Caser†	4	Geo. W. Prescott†	5
Jan.—1858	A. T. C. Pierson†	1	D. E. Loomis†	11	Frank Mantor†	11	Samuel E. Adams†	16	E. Caser†	19	Geo. W. Prescott†	5
1859	A. T. C. Pierson†	1	D. E. Loomis†	11	Samuel E. Adams†	16	J. C. Whipple†	9	E. Caser†	19	Geo. W. Prescott†	5
1860	A. T. C. Pierson†	1	D. E. Loomis†	11	Samuel E. Adams†	16	C. W. Thompson†	17	E. Caser†	19	Geo. W. Prescott†	5
1861	A. T. C. Pierson†	1	J. C. Whipple†	9	L. E. Thompson†	9	George Bradley†	31	E. Caser†	19	Geo. W. Prescott†	5
1862	A. T. C. Pierson†	1	L. E. Thompson†	9	C. H. Lindsey†	21	W. T. Rigby†	28	E. Caser†	19	Geo. W. Prescott†	5
1863	A. T. C. Pierson†	1	C. H. Lindsey†	21	G. E. Wells†	31	A. B. Curry†	23	Geo. L. Otis†	5	A. T. C. Pierson†	5
1864	Geo. W. Prescott†	5	P. F. Hubbard†	11	G. E. Wells†	31	A. J. Phelps†	23	Geo. L. Otis†	5	A. T. C. Pierson†	5
1865	Geo. W. Prescott†	5	W. T. Rigby†	28	Robert Stewart†	11	S. R. Merrill†	34	Geo. L. Otis†	5	C. W. Carpenter†	5
1866	Charles W. Nash...	35	R. A. Jones†	21	S. R. Merrill†	49	S. Y. Hyde†	49	Geo. L. Otis†	5	Wm. S. Combs...	5
1867	Charles W. Nash...	35	G. E. Cooley†	21	S. R. Merrill†	49	S. Y. Hyde†	49	Geo. L. Otis†	5	Wm. S. Combs...	5
1868	Charles W. Nash...	35	G. E. Cooley†	21	S. Y. Hyde†	49	Fred. Joss†	49	Geo. L. Otis†	5	Wm. S. Combs...	5
1869	Charles W. Nash...	35	C. Griswold†	49	E. D. B. Porter†	12	J. W. Morford†	33	Geo. L. Otis†	5	Wm. S. Combs...	5
1870	Charles W. Nash...	35	C. Griswold†	49	J. N. Castle†	1	E. P. Barnum†	60	Geo. L. Otis†	5	Wm. S. Combs...	5
1871	Charles W. Nash...	35	C. Griswold†	49	J. N. Castle†	1	E. P. Barnum†	60	Geo. L. Otis†	5	Wm. S. Combs...	5
1872	Charles W. Nash...	35	C. Griswold†	49	J. N. Castle†	1	E. P. Barnum†	60	Geo. L. Otis†	5	Wm. S. Combs...	5
1873	Charles W. Nash...	35	C. Griswold†	49	J. N. Castle†	1	E. P. Barnum†	60	Geo. L. Otis†	5	Wm. S. Combs...	5
1874	Charles W. Nash...	35	C. Griswold†	49	J. N. Castle†	1	E. P. Barnum†	60	Geo. L. Otis†	5	Wm. S. Combs...	5
1875	Charles W. Nash...	35	C. Griswold†	49	J. N. Castle†	1	E. P. Barnum†	60	Geo. L. Otis†	5	Wm. S. Combs...	5
1876	Charles W. Nash...	35	C. Griswold†	49	J. N. Castle†	1	E. P. Barnum†	60	Geo. L. Otis†	5	Wm. S. Combs...	5
1877	Charles W. Nash...	35	C. Griswold†	49	J. N. Castle†	1	E. P. Barnum†	60	Geo. L. Otis†	5	Wm. S. Combs...	5
1878	Charles W. Nash...	35	C. Griswold†	49	J. N. Castle†	1	E. P. Barnum†	60	Geo. L. Otis†	5	Wm. S. Combs...	5
1879	Charles W. Nash...	35	C. Griswold†	49	J. N. Castle†	1	E. P. Barnum†	60	Geo. L. Otis†	5	Wm. S. Combs...	5
1880	Charles W. Nash...	35	C. Griswold†	49	J. N. Castle†	1	E. P. Barnum†	60	Geo. L. Otis†	5	Wm. S. Combs...	5
1881	Charles W. Nash...	35	C. Griswold†	49	J. N. Castle†	1	E. P. Barnum†	60	Geo. L. Otis†	5	Wm. S. Combs...	5
1882	Charles W. Nash...	35	C. Griswold†	49	J. N. Castle†	1	E. P. Barnum†	60	Geo. L. Otis†	5	Wm. S. Combs...	5
1883	Charles W. Nash...	35	C. Griswold†	49	J. N. Castle†	1	E. P. Barnum†	60	Geo. L. Otis†	5	Wm. S. Combs...	5
1884	Charles W. Nash...	35	C. Griswold†	49	J. N. Castle†	1	E. P. Barnum†	60	Geo. L. Otis†	5	Wm. S. Combs...	5
1885	Charles W. Nash...	35	C. Griswold†	49	J. N. Castle†	1	E. P. Barnum†	60	Geo. L. Otis†	5	Wm. S. Combs...	5
1886	Charles W. Nash...	35	C. Griswold†	49	J. N. Castle†	1	E. P. Barnum†	60	Geo. L. Otis†	5	Wm. S. Combs...	5
1887	Charles W. Nash...	35	C. Griswold†	49	J. N. Castle†	1	E. P. Barnum†	60	Geo. L. Otis†	5	Wm. S. Combs...	5
1888	Charles W. Nash...	35	C. Griswold†	49	J. N. Castle†	1	E. P. Barnum†	60	Geo. L. Otis†	5	Wm. S. Combs...	5
1889	Charles W. Nash...	35	C. Griswold†	49	J. N. Castle†	1	E. P. Barnum†	60	Geo. L. Otis†	5	Wm. S. Combs...	5
1890	Charles W. Nash...	35	C. Griswold†	49	J. N. Castle†	1	E. P. Barnum†	60	Geo. L. Otis†	5	Wm. S. Combs...	5

† Expelled.

† Deceased.

* No session of the Grand Lodge in 1862 or 1863.

APPENDIX B—DIRECTORY OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

No.	LOCATION.		DATE OF CHARTER.	WORSHIPFUL MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.	TIME OF MEETING.
	LODGE.	TOWN. COUNTY.						
1	St. Johns.....	Stillwater.....	June 9, '52	T. C. Clark.....	J. B. Sutton.....	I. E. King.....	J. C. Rhodes.....	1 and 3 Mon.
2	Catawba.....	Minneapolis.....	Oct. 5, '52	H. N. Blend.....	S. Raymond.....	C. E. VanCleve.....	S. Armstrong.....	1 Sat.
3	St. Paul.....	St. Paul.....	Jan. 24, '53	J. E. Davis.....	I. F. Lawrence.....	W. A. Johnson.....	A. W. Mortensen.....	1 and 3 Fri.
4	Hennepin.....	Minneapolis.....	" " " 54	J. H. Randall.....	W. E. Lawrence.....	A. P. Houghton.....	I. T. Thompson.....	2 and 4 Wed.
5	Ancient Landmark.....	St. Paul.....	" " " 54	L. B. B. Sprague.....	R. Zimmermann.....	J. G. Swanstrom.....	Wm. Dampier.....	2 and 4 Ths.
6	Shakopee.....	Dakota.....	" " " 55	Suspended.....	A. E. Worthington.....	C. W. Munroe.....	I. Panse.....	2 and 4 Wed.
7	Dakota.....	Hastings.....	" " " 55	W. W. Weeks.....	H. A. Buel.....	C. E. Friedrich.....	C. L. Davis.....	1 Mon.
8	Red Wing.....	Red Wing.....	" " " 56	J. H. Rich.....	No. 53.....	J. F. Lindeman.....	H. Peirce, Jr.....	2 and 4 Mon.
9	Faribault.....	Faribault.....	" " " 57	Suspended, see	M. E. Mallory.....	I. M. F. Cooper.....	R. Mantor.....	2 and 4 Tus.
10	Faribault.....	Rice.....	Oct. 25, '55	L. Hawley.....	H. McMurtre.....	R. J. Powell.....	W. S. Howe.....	2 and 4 Sat.
11	Pacific.....	Rice.....	Jan. 6, '57	Charter surrendered.....	C. H. Robinson.....	J. H. Foster.....	J. G. Dill.....	1 and 3 Mon.
12	Mankato.....	Dodge.....	" " " 57	S. N. Dart.....	W. Longfellow.....	T. H. Bertram.....	T. F. Tilly, Jr.....	1 and 3 Sat.
13	Henderson.....	Blue Earth.....	" " " 57	G. W. Mead.....	J. D. Becker.....	J. J. Hohl.....	L. S. Keeler.....	1 and 3 Tus.
14	Wapahosa.....	Sibley.....	" " " 57	Suspended.....	H. W. Clarke.....	J. R. Morton.....	I. J. Hillmer.....	1 and 3 Tus.
15	Monticello.....	Wabasha.....	" " " 57	H. M. Dugan.....	L. A. Condit.....	W. B. Hixon.....	E. J. Forster.....	1 and 3 Wed.
16	Monticello.....	Wright.....	" " " 57	E. S. Gibbs.....	C. E. Lyman.....	E. E. Stewart.....	S. N. Wheaton.....	2 and 4 Wed.
17	Hokah.....	Winona.....	" " " 57	A. J. Snure.....	W. L. Brackenridge.....	W. W. Churchill.....	C. A. Whited.....	1 and 3 Tus.
18	Winona.....	Hennepin.....	" " " 58	H. M. Myers.....	W. W. Parkinson.....	H. W. Heydon.....	R. H. Russell.....	1 and 3 Mon.
19	Minneapolis.....	Houston.....	" " " 58	H. M. Wheaton.....	J. H. Lufkin.....	H. H. Corbett.....	C. W. Kingsbury.....	2 and 4 Mon.
20	Caledonia.....	Houston.....	" " " 58	G. Z. Logan.....	J. Elmore.....	W. Higgins.....	O. J. Wulff.....	2 and 4 Wed.
21	Rochester.....	Olmsted.....	" " " 58	T. C. Wing.....	No. 56.....	W. Higgins.....	B. F. Reader.....	1 and 3 Sat.
22	Pleasant Grove.....	St. Cloud.....	" " " 58	F. R. Field.....	L. F. Peabody.....	C. D. Whittemore.....	H. D. Greely.....	1 and 3 Sat.
23	North Star.....	Wasca.....	Oct. 27, '58	Suspended, see	B. F. Goodwin.....	Fred Welch.....	A. Caswell.....	2 and 4 Fri.
24	Wilton.....	Chatfield.....	" " " 58	H. A. House.....	I. Whittemore.....	DeW. C. Sours.....	C. E. Knott.....	1 and 3 Sat.
25	Meridian.....	Freeborn.....	" " " 58	N. W. Sargent.....	W. M. Selby.....	W. H. Baier.....	C. A. Caswell.....	2 and 4 Fri.
26	Western Star.....	Albert Lea.....	" " " 58	N. W. Sargent.....	I. C. H. Engel.....	R. E. Wright.....	C. E. Knott.....	1 and 3 Sat.
27	Blue Earth Valley.....	Faribault.....	" " " 58	E. P. Crossman.....	G. B. Read.....	W. R. Wright.....	M. B. Chidwick.....	1 and 3 Sat.
28	Clearwater.....	Wright.....	" " " 58	J. O. Sawyer.....	H. E. Blair.....	L. Anderson.....	M. A. Wilson.....	1 and 3 Sat.
29	Morning Star.....	Houston.....	" " " 59	R. W. Field.....	C. H. Burdick.....	G. H. Reed.....	J. A. Wilson.....	1 and 3 Sat.
30	Anoka.....	Anoka.....	" " " 60	B. Varner.....	H. E. Conley.....	W. S. Tuttle.....	W. H. De Kay.....	1 and 3 Mon.
31	King Hiram.....	Jordan.....	" " " 60	Wm. Tanner.....	H. Frisler.....			
32	Sakatah.....	Waterville.....	" " " 60	C. H. Robinson.....				
33	Star in the East.....	Owatonna.....	" " " 60	C. H. Holden.....				
34	Oriental.....	Cannon Falls.....	" " " 60	G. M. Tanager.....				
35	Mount Moriah.....	Hastings.....	" " " 60	J. L. Powers.....				

36	Preston.....	Fillmore.....	Elias Lint.....	F. A. Tinkham.....	H. Nunser.....	C. E. McKinlay.....	2 and 4 Wed.
37	Mystic Tie.....	Goodhue.....	C. L. Parham.....	W. B. Warren.....	D. W. Button.....	D. W. Davenport.....	2 and 4 Sat.
38	Washington.....	Dodge.....	F. W. Andrews.....	I. G. McCarthy.....	D. Kirlind.....	M. H. Severns.....	1 and 3 Wed.
39	Fidelity.....	Moyer.....	L. E. Day.....	N. S. Gordon.....	G. H. Collins.....	C. H. Wilbourn.....	2 and 4 T. us.
40	Carmelon.....	Wabasha.....	E. J. Manning.....	W. M. McKoskie.....	M. I. Collins.....	C. E. Wells.....	1 and 3 T. us.
41	Hermont.....	Goodhue.....	C. B. Anderson.....	H. E. Tallmadge.....	F. G. Marvin.....	C. E. Johnson.....	1 and 3 Sat.
42	Hope.....	McLeod.....	W. C. Russell.....	C. H. Neeb.....	L. W. Gilbert.....	R. A. Raymond.....	1 and 3 Mon.
43	King Solomon.....	Winona.....	C. D. Jacobs.....	D. H. Neeb.....	G. F. Madden.....	F. N. Curtis.....	1 and 3 Wed.
44	Union.....	Scott.....	H. J. Peck.....	C. H. Neeb.....	G. H. Kinsman.....	C. W. Taylor.....	1 and 3 T. us.
45	Evergreen.....	Le Sueur.....	John Taylor.....	M. H. Boxter.....	W. E. Walker.....	W. H. Hessegrave.....	Every 6th Sat.
46	Concord.....	Winona.....	S. L. Draper.....	M. H. Boxter.....	W. E. Walker.....	W. H. Chambers.....	1 and 3 Sat.
47	Clarendon.....	Le Sueur.....	A. B. Frick.....	J. S. Turrittin.....	C. Hill.....	J. H. Lord.....	1 and 3 Wed.
48	Northfield.....	Rice.....	M. M. Clark.....	F. Whittier.....	E. N. James.....	W. J. Berner.....	1 and 3 T. us.
49	Social Sun.....	Winona.....	F. C. Coffin.....	R. A. Johnson.....	F. N. James.....	C. C. Halgren.....	1 and 3 Sat.
50	Watertown.....	Carver.....	J. T. Morey.....	T. M. Holiday.....	E. J. Whittier.....	F. Thompson.....	1 and 3 T. us.
51	Acacia.....	Washington.....	C. Sweetser.....	T. Shallenbarger.....	H. D. Widrick.....	J. C. Temple.....	1 and 3 T. us.
52	Cannon River.....	Rice.....	Charter number.....	W. H. Osterhout.....	See No. 9.....		1 and 3 T. us.
53	Nicollet.....	Nichols.....	T. Montgomery.....	W. H. Hall.....	J. W. Tyler.....	E. S. Pettibohn.....	1 and 3 T. us.
54	Zion.....	Chicago.....	C. E. Peaslee.....	A. J. Anderson.....	J. E. Ballard.....	W. W. Seymour.....	1 and 3 Wed.
55	Meridian.....	Fillmore.....	J. Undercrank.....	W. W. Murphy.....	S. H. Murphy.....	W. H. Sisbee.....	1 and 3 Sat.
56	Blue Earth City.....	Faribault.....	J. H. Prout.....	C. F. Constans.....	A. R. More, Jr.....	W. Whitfield.....	1 and 3 T. us.
57	Blue Earth City.....	Faribault.....	F. G. L. Adams.....	J. O. Pierce.....	J. F. Johnson.....	A. R. Holman.....	1 and 3 Sat.
58	Spring Valley.....	Fillmore.....	H. L. Merrill.....	I. W. Swirgat.....	L. C. Carr.....	O. D. Hutchinson.....	1 and 3 T. us.
59	Temple.....	McLeod.....	J. R. Ratto.....	I. W. Swirgat.....	G. R. Fish.....	L. M. Kells.....	1 and 3 Mon.
60	Star in the West.....	Stearns.....	J. P. Price.....	J. D. Thompson.....	C. R. Huff.....	L. H. Jeffrey.....	1 and 3 T. us.
61	Ashtab.....	Fillmore.....	J. R. Thompson.....	J. D. Thompson.....	C. R. Huff.....	W. H. Gupit.....	1 and 3 Sat.
62	Star.....	Wright.....	G. R. Hall.....	J. D. Thompson.....	C. R. Huff.....	L. D. Colley.....	1 and 3 T. us.
63	Illustrious.....	Wabasha.....	M. E. L. Shank.....	J. W. Mallory.....	R. L. Wood.....	R. M. Ward.....	1 and 3 T. us.
64	Chain Lake.....	Martin.....	C. W. Taylor.....	J. P. Finch.....	F. Wohlhetes.....	S. E. Sanderson.....	1 and 3 Wed.
65	Golden Rule.....	Washington.....	J. A. Clark.....	H. S. Crocker.....	M. S. Dosselt.....	W. W. Murphy.....	1 and 3 T. us.
66	Madelia.....	Watsonwan.....	E. Z. Needham.....	W. S. Hammond.....	J. E. Orcutt.....	A. L. Needham.....	1 and 3 T. us.
67	Corinthian.....	Dakota.....	Charter revoked.....	M. W. Niederkorn.....	L. J. Ambler.....	E. A. Sykes.....	1 and 3 Sat.
68	Northern Light.....	Manitoba.....	G. W. Rockwell.....	C. W. Gove.....	L. J. Ambler.....	E. A. Sykes.....	1 and 3 Sat.
69	Mystic Star.....	Fillmore.....	Charter surrendered.....	K. J. Tuttle.....	I. W. Syvers.....	E. R. Phipps.....	2 and 4 Sat.
70	Forest City.....	Stearns.....	A. L. Elliott.....	R. J. Tuttle.....	J. W. Syvers.....	O. C. La Bar.....	2 and 4 Sat.
71	Paynesville.....	McLeod.....	H. M. McIntyre.....	J. C. Beck.....	W. F. McCan.....	E. M. Winslow.....	2 and 4 Mon.
72	Lausang.....	Mower.....	David See.....	J. C. Beck.....	W. F. McCan.....	E. M. Winslow.....	2 and 4 Mon.
73	Brownsville.....	Houston.....	Burned out; sus- pended.....	J. C. Beck.....	W. F. McCan.....	E. M. Winslow.....	2 and 4 Mon.
74	Minneapolis.....	Wabasha.....	A. J. Porter.....	J. C. Beck.....	W. F. McCan.....	E. M. Winslow.....	2 and 4 Mon.
75	Eureka.....	Mower.....	J. G. Graham.....	J. C. Beck.....	W. F. McCan.....	E. M. Winslow.....	2 and 4 Mon.
76	Joppa.....	Blue Earth.....	J. G. Wood.....	J. C. Beck.....	W. F. McCan.....	E. M. Winslow.....	2 and 4 Mon.
77	Tuscan.....	Waseca.....	J. O. Briggs.....	J. C. Beck.....	W. F. McCan.....	E. M. Winslow.....	2 and 4 Mon.
78	Mystic Circle.....	Houston.....	J. O. Briggs.....	J. C. Beck.....	W. F. McCan.....	E. M. Winslow.....	2 and 4 Mon.
79	Palestine.....	St. Louis.....	E. L. Welch.....	J. C. Beck.....	W. F. McCan.....	E. M. Winslow.....	2 and 4 Mon.
80	Henderson.....	Sibley.....	F. E. VanHoesen.....	J. C. Beck.....	W. F. McCan.....	E. M. Winslow.....	2 and 4 Mon.
81	Constellation.....	Alexandria.....		J. C. Beck.....	W. F. McCan.....	E. M. Winslow.....	2 and 4 Mon.

APPENDIX B—DIRECTORY OF SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.

No.	Lodge.	Location.		Date of Charter.	Worshipful Master.	Senior Warden.	Junior Warden.	Secretary.	Time of Meeting.
		Town.	County.						
82	Howard	Howard	Wright	Jan. 14, '70	J. F. Lauzer	J. J. Wooley	E. A. Wright	W. F. Smith	1 and 3 Wed.
83	Hiram Abi	Kasson	Dodge	" 14, '70	J. M. Troutman	J. S. Decker	G. W. Gove	H. W. Brown	1 and 3 Sat.
84	Orient	Money Creek	Houston	" 12, '71	T. Robinson	C. C. Tiffany	D. C. Butler	F. F. Butler	1 and 3 Sat.
85	High Forest	Olmito	Olmito	" 12, '71	T. B. Horton	C. N. Stewart	D. C. Whitlock	C. R. Lyon	1 and 3 Wed.
86	Tryan	Mazepa	Wabasha	" 12, '71	E. M. Ford	E. F. Hopkins	H. E. Robinson	C. F. W. Calkins	1 and 3 Sat.
87	Doric	Wells	Faribault	" 12, '71	J. M. Nye	C. N. Andrews	G. W. Fellows	A. A. Johnson	1 and 3 Tns.
88	Yellowstone	Port Buford	Dakota Ter.	" 10, '72	Charter surrendered 1874	O. A. Pennoyer	C. Bertleson	H. Stevens	2 and 4 Fri.
89	Golden Fleece	Litchfield	Meeker	" 10, '72	Alex Ross	H. J. Hoovel	D. M. Devore	W. R. Ellsworth	1 and 3 Sat.
90	Antiquity	Redwood Falls	Redwood	" 10, '72	W. V. King	J. Tyson	G. Drake	O. W. McMillan	1 and 3 Sat.
91	Fraternal	Princeton	Millie Lacs	" 10, '72	O. L. Dornberg	J. G. Ewing	C. Ames	C. A. Dickey	2 Wed.
92	Unity	Sauk Rapids	Benton	" 10, '72	A. W. Gordon	J. A. Senn	C. A. Moody	J. E. Beatty	1 and 3 Sat.
93	Keystone	Sleepy Eye	Brown	" 10, '72	B. F. James	F. H. Conklin	I. R. Q. Hanson	O. W. Hagen	1 and 3 Tus.
94	Libanus	Elk River	Sherburne	" 10, '72	C. E. Mable	M. L. Brand	A. K. Peck	D. R. Houlton	1 and 3 Tus.
95	Sherburne	St. James	Watson	" 15, '73	J. Hutton	M. E. Mullen	A. K. Peck	G. W. Hiles	2 and 4 Tus.
96	Prudence	Windom	Cottonwood	" 15, '73	A. Marden	G. E. LeTourneau	F. Siedman	W. A. Smith	2 and 4 Tus.
97	Charity	New Ulm	Brown	" 15, '73	A. Brandenburgh	M. T. McMahon	F. A. Tarr	O. M. Olsen	2 and 4 Tus.
98	Corner Stone	Fergus Falls	Otter Tail	" 15, '73	C. W. Fadden	W. H. Bondy	H. H. Scobie	C. L. Hilton	1 and 3 Tus.
99	Fraternity	Aurora	Crow Wing	" 15, '73	M. C. Smith	F. L. Humiston	F. H. Durfee	M. K. Swartz	1 and 3 Fri.
00	Lebanon	Fillmore	Nobles	" 15, '73	T. Thorp	W. R. Bean	A. W. Patterson	C. J. Lewis	1 and 3 Mon.
01	Bethel	Lanesboro	Blue Earth	" 15, '73	W. R. Cullen	W. R. Robinson	G. W. Neff	G. W. Franchere	1 and 3 Fri.
02	Sharon	Willmar	Kandiyo	" 15, '73	B. F. Jeuness	S. Garver	L. P. Larson	H. J. Ramssett	2 and 4 Fri.
03	Shiloh	Fargo	Dakota Ter.	" 14, '74	Transferred to	G. L. Dakota	J. C. Furber	T. Squire	2 and 4 Tus.
04	Mt. Tabor	Detroit	Becker	" 14, '74	C. G. Sturtevant	J. Robedan	G. Myers	F. E. Hoard	1 and 3 Sat.
05	Adoniram	Dover	Olmito	" 14, '74	Surrendered	W. F. Dunsell	O. N. Bennett	C. D. Suffins	2 and 4 Sat.
06	Relief	Dodge Centre	Chippewa	" 14, '74	G. W. Ballard	G. Sainsbury	R. Armstrong	C. A. Franzen	1 and 3 Sat.
07	Sunset	Montevideo	Winona	Mar. 10, '74	P. S. Taylor	J. S. Nelson	E. Peterson	H. J. Alnow	2 and 4 Fri.
08	Pickwick	Pickwick	Carver	Jan. 13, '75	J. S. Barnard	J. Elwin	G. B. Bower	W. E. Martin	2 and 4 Tus.
09	Carver	Carver	Hennepin	" 13, '75	G. C. Emery	A. S. Dimond	J. E. Mann	John Kelley	1 and 3 Fri.
10	Excelsior	Excelsior	Rock	" 13, '75	C. C. Shuck	J. O. Helgeson	M. N. Swedberg	W. P. Holton	2 and 4 Sat.
11	Ben Franklin	Luverne	Wabasha	" 13, '75	C. W. Hawes	H. W. Gilman	E. Dickerman	J. N. Thatcher	1 and 3 Sat.
12	Elgin	Elgin	Mower	" 11, '76	Chas. Gage	G. W. Gray	R. L. Johnson	J. S. Briggs	1 and 3 Tus.
13	Lafayette	Brownsdale	Chippewa	" 11, '76	M. C. Sullivan	A. R. Rowe	W. J. Rice		
14	Granite	Granite Falls	Chippewa	" 11, '76					

118	Newport.....	Newport.....	Jan. 11, '76	J. Q. McIntosh.....	J. D. Carroll.....	D. P. Hess.....	W. A. Keivon.....	1	2 and 4 Wed.
119	Delta.....	Bismark.....	" 11, '76	E. L. Healey.....	M. E. Mathews.....	W. Rogers.....	W. A. Hawkins.....	2	2 and 4 Fri.
120	Bismark.....	Dakota Ter.....	" 11, '76	Transferred to.....	G. L. Dakota.....	P. Schleiger.....	A. T. Golberg.....	2	2 and 4 Sat.
121	Grand Meadow.....	Mower.....	" 11, '76	W. H. Bentley.....	W. A. Nolan.....	J. Irish.....	M. K. Wolfe.....	2	2 and 4 Sat.
122	Kellogg.....	Wabasha.....	" 11, '76	G. E. Albertson.....	J. C. Parkhurst.....	C. Gufelsch.....	A. G. Ingersoll.....	2	2 and 4 Sat.
123	Blooming Prairie.....	Steele.....	" 11, '76	J. P. Johnson.....	J. C. Brainerd.....	C. Gufelsch.....	L. D. Rogers.....	2	2 and 4 Wed.
124	Janesville.....	Waseca.....	" 11, '76	D. J. Dodge.....	J. V. Kee.....	C. Brown.....	D. F. Krueger.....	2	2 and 4 Ths.
125	Winklow Lewis.....	Hennepin.....	" 10, '77	G. M. Henry.....	O. H. Brown.....	M. Syron.....	D. F. Macnab.....	1	1 and 3 Tus.
126	Moorhead.....	Clay.....	" 10, '77	J. E. Auer.....	H. W. Alsop.....	P. G. Johnston.....	I. E. Brown.....	2	2 and 4 Wed.
127	Centennial.....	Wright.....	" 10, '77	Suspended 1886.....	I. M. Sprague.....	A. D. Aldrich.....	E. R. Aldrich.....	2	2 and 4 Tus.
128	Josephus.....	Blue Earth.....	" 10, '77	W. N. Plymat.....	E. S. Eaton.....	A. D. Kellogg.....	C. W. Barber.....	2	2 and 4 Tus.
129	Swift.....	Swift.....	" 10, '77	J. N. Edwards.....	E. S. Morris.....	H. N. Peterson.....	C. F. N. Bachmann.....	2	2 and 4 Mon.
130	Artcurus.....	Goodhue.....	" 10, '78	O. Whitman.....	E. F. Cobb.....	E. O. Bachmann.....	E. N. W. Griswold.....	1	1 and 3 Sat.
131	Lisle.....	Gower.....	" 10, '78	E. L. Stanley.....	W. F. Luebke.....	A. J. Erickson.....	H. E. Cassel.....	1	1 and 3 Ths.
132	Young America.....	Carver.....	" 10, '78	F. A. Truwe.....	W. P. Cooley.....	J. C. August.....	T. Hallier.....	2	2 and 4 Mon.
133	Morris.....	Stevens.....	" 10, '78	G. A. Hancock.....	J. P. Olson.....	A. J. Erickson.....	H. E. Cassel.....	2	2 and 4 Sat.
134	Cokato.....	Wright.....	" 10, '78	F. G. H. Bushnell.....	T. Smithson.....	E. V. Dickey.....	F. F. Goff.....	1	1 and 3 Sat.
135	Nelson.....	Redwood.....	" 10, '78	O. A. Leonard.....	A. J. Griswold.....	W. H. Turner.....	M. Olson.....	2	2 and 4 Sat.
136	Walnut.....	Swift.....	" 10, '78	E. T. Wilkinson.....	S. M. Siverson.....	I. K. Smith.....	C. Ditmore.....	1	1 and 3 Tus.
137	Appleton.....	Kandiyohti.....	" 10, '78	E. D. Salter.....	I. W. Strathern.....	F. E. Skinner.....	H. F. Robertson.....	2	2 and 4 Mon.
138	Vermdale.....	Wadena.....	" 10, '78	C. E. Bullard.....	S. M. Siverson.....	W. J. Underwood.....	H. F. Pfeifer.....	1	1 and 3 Sat.
139	Little Falls.....	Morrison.....	" 10, '78	H. Roscutt.....	T. Farington.....	A. J. Richardson.....	F. L. Puffer.....	1	1 and 3 Sat.
140	Crookston.....	Polk.....	" 10, '78	N. P. Shepard.....	R. Smith.....	C. M. Persons.....	W. E. Kimmell.....	1	1 and 3 Sat.
141	Currie.....	Murray.....	" 10, '78	J. T. Crippen.....	P. H. Foote.....	A. J. Richardson.....	L. A. Matthews.....	2	2 and 4 Fri.
142	Ortonville.....	Big Stone.....	" 10, '78	G. Crowley.....	E. E. Clark.....	W. E. Drummond.....	M. S. Nelson.....	1	1 and 3 Sat.
143	Bird Island.....	Renville.....	" 10, '78	W. B. Whitney.....	J. H. Hanson.....	E. G. Briggs.....	L. A. Noyes.....	2	2 and 4 Sat.
144	Melrose.....	Stearns.....	" 10, '78	H. Meisner.....	C. H. French.....	E. G. Padden.....	C. Euter.....	1	1 and 3 Wed.
145	Benton.....	Lincoln.....	" 10, '78	C. Meisner.....	H. E. French.....	E. G. Padden.....	H. M. Oertler.....	2	2 and 4 Wed.
146	Canby.....	Yellow Medicine.....	" 10, '78	J. M. Kissner.....	L. R. Bell.....	M. M. Fox.....	J. Pollock.....	1	1 and 3 Sat.
147	Pipestone.....	Pipestone.....	" 10, '78	E. A. Hunter.....	F. Greiner, Jr.....	S. Preston.....	S. W. Chadbourne.....	2	2 and 4 Sat.
148	Quarry.....	McLeod.....	" 10, '78	A. Taylor.....	H. Pearce.....	W. J. Richard.....	H. H. Heintze.....	1	1 and 3 Wed.
149	Guardian.....	Marshall.....	" 10, '78	Z. F. Shepherd.....	W. H. Carter.....	C. Knight.....	T. Robb.....	2	2 and 4 Sat.
150	Warren.....	Carver.....	" 10, '78	F. F. Becker.....	B. F. Ashelman.....	C. D. Williams.....	H. A. Reed.....	2	2 and 4 Sat.
151	Chaska.....	Wilkin.....	" 10, '78	F. T. Koyl.....	H. M. Workman.....	F. W. Strom.....	F. B. Simmons.....	2	2 and 4 Sat.
152	Frontier.....	Traverse.....	" 10, '78	J. C. Howe.....	L. L. Berthold.....	W. O. Merriam.....	G. W. Hall.....	1	1 and 3 Mon.
153	Kodahya.....	Norman.....	" 10, '78	H. B. Ostrander.....	W. D. Griffith.....	A. Dale.....	Geo. Conkey.....	2	2 and 4 Fri.
154	Tracy.....	Wadena.....	" 10, '78	H. B. Ostrander.....	W. D. Griffith.....	M. L. Webb.....	C. H. Phinney.....	2	2 and 4 Fri.
155	Wadena.....	Perham.....	" 10, '78	E. A. Fisher.....	W. G. Gutes.....	C. P. Earsley.....	E. B. Ware.....	2	2 and 4 Fri.
156	Hector.....	Long Prairie.....	" 10, '78	G. E. Swift.....	A. G. Gutes.....	G. L. Wilson.....		2	2 and 4 Fri.
157	Long Prairie.....	Minneapolis.....	" 10, '78	C. W. Wolf.....	M. L. Webb.....			2	2 and 4 Fri.
158	Lyndell.....	Villard.....	" 10, '78	E. W. Snyder.....	C. P. Earsley.....			2	2 and 4 Fri.
159	Sincerity.....	St. Paul.....	" 10, '78	C. F. F. Abbott.....	G. R. Fling.....			2	2 and 4 Fri.
160	Prescott.....		" 10, '78						
161	Summit.....		" 10, '78						

APPENDIX B—DIRECTORY OF SUBORDINATE LODGES—Concluded.

No.	LODGE.	LOCATION.		DATE OF CHARTER.	WORSHIPFUL MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.	TIME OF MEETING.
		TOWN.	COUNTY.						
164	Jasper.....	Rush City.....	Pine.....	Jan. 13, '86	J. D. Markham.....	H. J. Brinkman.....	C. Smith.....	H. P. Robt.....	1 and 3 Sat.
165	Minnehaha.....	Minneapolis.....	Hennepin.....	" 13, '86	G. F. Mitchell.....	F. Gunther.....	F. J. Scott.....	G. F. McCurdy.....	2 and 4 Tus.
166	Agate.....	White Bear.....	Ramsey.....	" 13, '86	T. B. Businell.....	A. H. S. Perkins.....	F. M. King.....	J. E. Extrand.....	2 and 4 Ths.
167	Bradley.....	St. Paul.....	Wabasha.....	" 13, '86	G. Brookins.....	B. T. McNairy.....	G. Mace.....	G. L. Waite.....	1 and 3 Wed.
168	Pierson.....	New Barnesville.....	Ramsey.....	" 12, '87	F. D. Bell.....	H. B. Farwell.....	A. C. Kreiger.....	F. E. Gerrish.....	1 and 3 Ths.
169	Fulda.....	Fulda.....	Clay.....	" 12, '87	L. Coburn.....	G. C. Wilson.....	S. W. Packard.....	J. Werner.....	1 and 3 Tus.
170	Shekinah.....	St. Paul.....	Murray.....	" 12, '88	John Dale.....	E. Vanish.....	L. O. Bathen.....	C. C. Sharp.....	1 and 3 Mon.
171	Marietta.....	Marietta.....	Lac qui Parle.....	" 12, '88	G. M. Browne.....	A. H. Strain.....	G. F. Dix.....	C. C. Sharp.....	1 and 3 Mon.
172	Plumb Line.....	Maine Prairie.....	Stearns.....	" 12, '88	M. K. Nelson.....	F. J. Haskell.....	C. J. Orton.....	F. Huebner.....	1 and 3 Mon.
173	Valley.....	Greenwood.....	Pope.....	" 12, '88	M. H. Tracy.....	P. Peterson.....	A. Mumford.....	D. B. Stanley.....	2 and 4 Sat.
174	Ark.....	Adrian.....	Nobles.....	" 12, '88	J. R. Jones.....	O. S. Melick.....	W. F. Dougherty.....	C. P. Reeves.....	1 and 3 Ths.
175	Roman Eagle.....	Minneapolis.....	Hennepin.....	" 12, '88	J. S. Ingalls.....	C. D. Brinsmaid.....	A. E. Allen.....	A. J. Rice.....	1 and 3 Wed.
176	Anchor.....	Belle Plaine.....	Scott.....	" 12, '88	C. L. Chamberlin.....	W. H. Nichols.....	A. G. McKee.....	H. A. Hamlin.....	1 and 3 Mon.
177	Rough Ashler.....	Royalton.....	Morrison.....	" 12, '88	G. E. Putney.....	H. H. Clifford.....	J. W. Cottier.....	E. A. Bowers.....	2 and 4 Wed.
178	King David.....	Elmore.....	Faribault.....	" 17, '89	G. E. Franklin.....	A. Higley.....	P. D. L. Owens.....	J. P. Thorne.....	2 and 4 Sat.
179	Osakis.....	Osakis.....	Douglas.....	" 17, '89	J. H. Rock.....	G. R. Babbitt.....	R. Flore.....	W. B. Lyons.....	2 and 4 Sat.
180	Dalles.....	Cloquet.....	St. Louis.....	" 17, '89	W. A. Wright, Sr.....	F. Gould.....	E. J. McEwen.....	L. A. Fish.....	1 and 3 Ths.
181	Fair Haven.....	Fair Haven.....	St. Louis.....	" 16, '90	P. C. Crandall.....	A. H. Martin.....	J. A. Goodrich.....	O. A. Burdick.....	1 and 3 Mon.
182	Pelican Rapids.....	Pelican Rapids.....	Hubbard.....	" 16, '90	W. C. Crandall.....	M. L. Bevan.....	F. Hesel.....	P. D. Winship.....	1 and 3 Tus.
183	Shell.....	St. Paul.....	Ramsey.....	" 16, '90	P. Turnbull.....	A. E. Reichard.....	W. T. Rich.....	R. D. Bloomfield.....	2 and 4 Fri.
184	Midway.....	St. Paul.....	St. Louis.....	" 16, '90	G. N. La Vague.....	J. L. Bradish.....	A. B. Wolf.....	S. L. Frazier.....	2 and 4 Mon.
185	Lonc.....	Minneapolis.....	Hennepin.....	" 16, '90	A. J. McGee.....	G. A. Reichard.....	J. D. Tolman.....	W. L. Bain.....	2 and 4 Tus.
186	Fortitude.....	Two Harbors.....	Lake.....	" 16, '90	A. J. McGee.....	R. Stewart.....	O. T. Pope.....	C. D. Campbell.....	2 and 4 Wed.

* Saturday preceding full moon.

† Saturday on or before full moon.

‡ Wednesday in week moon fulls.

§ Saturday on or before full moon and two weeks thereafter.

|| Monday of week moon fulls.

¶ Tuesday on or before full moon.

APPENDIX C—ABSTRACT OF RETURNS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	Starting No.	Withdrawn.	Suspended and Expelled.	Stricken from Roll.	Died.	Total Decrease.	Exempt.	Dues.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Degrees Con-	Fees.	Dues and Fees.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Present Mem-	Amount Paid.
1	St. Johns.....	144	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	\$56.00	5	4	9	15	\$15.00	\$71.00	2	1	151	\$171.00
2	Catact.....	343	4	.....	1	1	2	2	133.20	16	16	16	48	48.00	181.20	13	.....	364	181.20
3	St. Paul.....	175	4	.....	4	4	6	6	67.60	22	22	22	66	66.00	133.60	3	.....	194	133.60
4	Hennepin.....	355	7	.....	3	2	12	.....	137.20	18	17	16	51	51.00	188.20	11	3	373	188.20
5	Ancient Landmark.....	443	18	.....	11	7	36	.....	162.80	18	15	15	48	48.00	210.80	9	2	433	210.80
6	Dakota.....	110	2	.....	.....	.....	2	2	42.40	4	4	4	12	12.00	54.40	.....	.....	112	54.40
7	Red Wing.....	96	2	.....	3	1	6	2	35.20	2	3	3	8	8.00	43.20	.....	1	95	43.20
8	Faribault.....	115	4	.....	.....	2	6	.....	43.60	23	24	25	72	72.00	115.60	.....	4	141	115.60
9	Marquette.....	42	1	.....	.....	.....	1	2	15.60	5	5	9	16	16.00	31.60	.....	3	49	31.60
10	Mankato.....	109	6	.....	.....	1	7	.....	40.80	7	9	8	24	24.00	64.80	.....	7	117	64.80
11	Wapahass.....	78	.....	.....	5	2	7	2	27.60	2	2	2	6	6.00	33.60	.....	.....	76	33.60
12	Monticello.....	41	.....	.....	.....	1	4	2	14.80	9	9	11	29	29.00	43.80	.....	4	52	43.80
13	Hokah.....	52	.....	.....	4	1	11	2	17.60	1	1	1	3	3.00	20.60	.....	.....	47	20.60
14	Winona.....	209	.....	.....	4	.....	10	2	162.40	13	10	11	34	34.00	196.40	.....	2	217	196.40
15	Minneapolis.....	417	.....	.....	4	4	11	.....	14.80	40	41	44	125	125.00	287.40	13	.....	463	287.40
16	Caledonia.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	57.60	.....	3	4	8	8.00	65.60	.....	1	39	65.60
17	Rochester.....	150	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	15.60	.....	6	7	19	19.00	34.60	.....	1	150	34.60
18	Pleasant Grove.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	49.20	6	6	7	15	15.00	64.20	.....	5	137	64.20
19	North Star.....	127	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	11.20	5	5	6	13	13.00	24.20	.....	.....	35	24.20
20	Western Star.....	31	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	2	40.00	3	4	5	13	13.00	53.00	.....	1	109	53.00
21	Blue Earth Valley.....	118	.....	.....	7	.....	5	.....	26.00	5	4	4	13	13.00	39.00	.....	.....	69	39.00
22	Clearwater.....	70	4	.....	.....	.....	5	2	17.60	2	2	2	6	6.00	23.60	.....	1	48	23.60
23	Morning Star.....	46	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	14.40	5	4	4	12	12.00	26.40	.....	.....	40	26.40
24	Anoka.....	131	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	51.60	4	4	4	11	11.00	62.60	.....	1	135	62.60
25	King Hiram.....	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	2	14.00	5	4	4	12	12.00	28.00	.....	.....	40	28.00
26	Sakatah.....	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	2	14.00	4	4	4	11	11.00	28.00	.....	.....	40	28.00
27	Star in the East.....	87	.....	.....	6	.....	12	2	20.00	5	2	1	4	4.00	24.00	.....	1	60	24.00
28	Oriental.....	54	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	2	32.00	9	8	8	25	25.00	57.00	.....	3	96	57.00
29	Mount Moriah.....	89	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	2	18.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18.00	.....	.....	47	18.00
30	Preston.....	125	.....	.....	14	.....	17	2	34.40	3	4	4	11	11.00	45.40	.....	.....	88	45.40
31	Mystic Tie.....	45					8	2	16.40	6	4	4	12	12.00	28.40		2	112	28.40
32	Washington.....	39			6		2	2	11.60	6	5	5	16	16.00	27.60		1	37	27.60

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39	Fidelity	137	4			1	85		\$52.80	8	9	9	20	\$20.00	\$72.80	5	1	144	\$73.80
40	Carnelian	94	7			1			34.40	1	1	2	4	3.00	38.40	2		90	38.40
41	Hermion	73	4	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	27.20	1	1	1	3	4.00	30.20	.....	.....	70	30.10
42	Hope	56	3	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	20.80	4	4	4	12	12.00	32.80	1	1	58	32.80
43	Harmony	29	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.40	4	4	4	12	12.00	22.40	.....	.....	32	22.40
44	King Solomon	44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17.60	2	2	2	5	5.00	22.60	.....	.....	45	22.60
45	Union	78	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.00	4	2	2	8	8.00	38.00	1	.....	80	38.00
46	Evergreen	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.80	.....	.....	23	8.80
47	Concord	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.20	1	1	1	3	3.00	12.20	1	.....	27	12.20
48	Social	94	6	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	35.20	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	37.20	1	.....	90	37.20
49	Rising Sun	95	2	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	36.40	2	1	1	4	4.00	40.40	.....	.....	94	40.40
50	Watertown	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.80	.....	.....	29	10.40
51	Acacia	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.20	2	2	2	6	6.00	21.20	.....	.....	43	21.20
52	Canon River	47	3	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	16.40	2	2	2	6	6.00	20.40	.....	.....	44	20.40
53	Nicollet	92	3	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	34.00	8	10	8	26	26.00	60.00	.....	.....	95	60.00
54	Zion	134	4	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	19.20	2	2	1	5	5.00	21.00	2	.....	45	21.00
55	Meridian	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49.20	8	10	10	28	28.00	77.20	1	1	135	77.20
56	Bule Earth City	64	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23.20	4	3	4	11	11.00	34.20	3	.....	67	34.40
57	Spring Valley	95	3	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	33.60	5	4	3	12	12.00	45.60	.....	.....	89	45.60
58	Temple	77	1	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	30.80	5	10	10	29	29.00	59.80	2	.....	89	59.80
59	Star in the West	72	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.20	3	3	3	9	9.00	34.20	1	.....	69	36.20
60	Ashler	61	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21.20	3	3	3	9	.....	21.20	.....	.....	55	19.60
61	Star	58	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.60	3	3	3	9	9.00	18.60	1	.....	30	18.60
62	Illustrious	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.60	2	2	2	6	6.00	31.60	1	.....	68	31.60
63	Chain Lake	68	4	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	21.20	6	7	5	18	18.00	39.20	3	.....	63	39.20
64	Golden Rule	62	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11.60	2	2	2	6	6.00	17.60	.....	.....	34	18.00
65	Madelia	34	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.80	1	.....	.....	.....	1.00	11.80	.....	.....	29	11.80
66	Corinthian	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23.00	.....	.....	56	23.60
67	Mystic Star	45	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.00	2	2	2	6	6.00	22.00	.....	.....	44	20.80
68	Paynesville	46	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.80	3	8	8	24	24.00	29.60	2	.....	51	34.40
71	Lausang	15	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.80	.....	.....	22	8.80
72	Brownsville	23	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.20	.....	.....	22	8.80
73	Eureka	44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17.20	1	1	1	3	3.00	20.20	1	.....	45	18.20

76	76	39	3	5	3	12	2	14.40	3	3	5	11	11.00	14.40	36	14.40
77	Tucson.....	39	7				2	30.00	2	3	5	11	11.00	41.00	86	41.00
78	Mystic Circle.....	13					2	4.00					8.00	12.40	19	
79	Palestine.....	172	14	1	15		2	62.80	27	28	26	81	81.00	143.80	201	145.80
80	Henderson.....	47		1	1	1	2	17.60	2	1	2	5	5.00	22.60	47	22.20
81	Constellation.....	69	3	1	4	2	2	25.20	3	2	1	6	7.00	31.20	66	30.00
82	Howard.....	60	1				2	23.20	3	2	2	7	7.00	30.20	62	30.00
83	Huram Abi.....	62					2	24.80	3	2	2	7	7.00	31.80	65	31.80
84	Orient.....	25					2	9.20						9.20	1	9.20
85	High Forest.....	36	1	1			2	12.80	3	3	3	9	9.00	21.80	38	21.40
86	Tyrian.....	66		6			2	22.80	3	4	4	11	11.00	33.80	63	33.80
87	Doric.....	35	4	3	2	9	2	15.60	5	4	5	14	14.00	29.60	46	29.20
88	Golden Fleece.....	135		3	2	5	2	52.00	9	11	10	30	30.00	82.00	142	82.00
89	Good Faith.....	90					2	11.20	2	3	2	7	7.00	18.20	31	18.20
90	Antiquity.....	66	3	2	5	2	2	23.60	3	3	4	10	10.00	33.60	68	33.60
91	Fraterna.....	45					2	16.40	1	1	2	5	5.00	21.40	44	16.80
92	Unity.....	48	3	4		7	2	21.60	3	3	3	9	9.00	30.60	60	29.00
93	Keystone.....	56					2	18.80	3	5	4	12	12.00	30.80	51	32.40
94	Sherburne.....	49	2				2	10.80						10.80	2	11.20
95	Libanus.....	37	2	6		8	2	27.20	4	5	6	15	15.00	42.20	76	42.20
96	Prudence.....	70					2	19.20					3.00	22.20	53	22.20
97	Charity.....	59					2	42.80	6	8	7	21	21.00	63.80	117	63.80
98	Cornet Stone.....	114	4		1	5	2	18.00	1	6	7	18	18.00	58.80	7	120
99	Aurora.....	106	1	1	2	2	2	25.60	4	6	7	17	17.00	42.60	73	42.60
100	Fraternity.....	68	3				2	23.60	4	6	7	17	17.00	42.60	73	42.60
101	Lebanon.....	23	4	2	4	2	2	13.20	2	4	4	110	10.00	23.20	38	23.20
102	Bethel.....	36	2		1	3	2	16.40	5	5	5	15	15.00	31.40	42	31.40
103	Sharon.....	38	3				2	16.40	5	5	5	15	15.00	31.40	42	31.40
104	Mt. Tabor.....	46		1	2	3	2	16.40	5	5	5	15	15.00	31.40	42	31.40
105	Raillet.....	43	1	1	2		2	33.20	12	17	18	58	58.00	84.20	106	84.20
106	Sunnet.....	85	2	2	4	2	2	14.00	2	3	3	8	8.00	22.00	41	22.00
107	Pickwick.....	41	1	3		1	2	9.20	3	1	1	5	5.00	14.20	26	14.20
108	Carver.....	45					2	13.20	2	4	4	110	10.00	23.20	38	23.20
109	Kiurum.....	344	20	1	16	4	41	113.40	17	19	18	54	54.00	167.20	309	167.20
110	Excelsior.....	49	2				3	18.40	2	2	4	13	8.00	26.40	51	26.40
111	Ben Franklin.....	57		9	1	10	2	18.00	4	2	4	13	13.00	31.00	52	31.00
112	Elgin.....	59	2	1	3		2	22.40	4	4	4	12	12.00	34.40	60	34.40
113	Lalayette.....	40	2				2	15.20	1	3	3	7	7.00	22.20	41	21.80
114	Granite.....	37					2	18.00	5	5	5	13	13.00	31.00	53	31.00
115	Newport.....	40					2	11.20	1	1	1	3	3.00	14.20	3	14.20
116	Delta.....	50	1	3	4		2	18.00	11	7	7	25	25.00	43.00	53	42.20
117	Grand Meadow.....	39		1			1	14.80	2	3	3	8	8.00	22.80	2	22.40
118	Kellogg.....	20	2				2	7.20	1	1	1	3	3.00	10.20	19	10.20
119	Prairie.....	25		1	1	1	2	8.80	2	2	2	6	6.00	14.80	28	15.20
120	Janesville.....	43					2	16.40	1	1	1	3	3.00	19.40	44	19.40
121	Winslow Lewis.....	33					2	12.40	1	1	1	3	1.00	13.40	32	13.20

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126	Moorhead.....	36							10.40	5	3	2	10	10.00	\$20.40			29	\$20.40
128	Josephus.....	42	1	2			3		15.00	5			14	14.00	29.00			44	30.00
129	Swift.....	43	1		2		3	2	15.00	5			17	17.00	32.00			46	32.00
130	Arcturus.....	50					5		19.20						19.20			50	19.20
131	Alma.....	47	2		3		5		16.40	9	2	8	26	26.00	42.40			51	42.40
132	Humboldt.....	37	2				2		10.00	5	4	4	9	9.00	19.00	1		30	19.00
133	Golden Sheaf.....	24	2		2	1	5	2	27.00	5	2	4	13	13.00	40.00	2		77	40.00
134	Cokato.....	31	1				2		12.00	5	3	9	14	14.00	26.00			36	26.00
135	Nelson.....	34	2		1		4	1	11.60	5	3	4	11	11.00	11.60	2		32	10.00
136	Walnut.....	38	1				2		7.00	4	1	1	1	3.00	10.00	1		23	10.00
137	Appleton.....	58	1				1	1	22.40	7	7	7	18	18.00	40.40			63	40.40
138	Orion.....	31					5	1	18.80	7	3	4	21	21.00	33.00	1		39	33.00
139	Veridale.....	29	5				5		17.60	3	3	4	10	10.00	18.80	1		29	18.80
140	Little Falls.....	44					3		13.90	12	11	11	36	36.00	28.60	2		50	23.40
141	Crookston.....	100	6		5	1	12		35.60	3	4	2	11	8.00	71.20	5		104	71.20
142	Currie.....	36					5		18.80	5	2	4	12	12.00	21.60			38	21.60
143	Lakeview.....	30	1				2		6.80	5	3	3	8	8.00	30.80		1	50	30.80
144	Bird Island.....	31	5				5		11.20	3	4	4	11	11.00	14.80	3		25	14.80
145	Melrose.....	30					2		11.20	3	4	2	6	5.00	22.20			34	22.20
146	Benton.....	31					2		14.40	2	2	2	5	6.00	16.60	1		34	13.80
147	Canby.....	42	2				4	2	14.40	2	2	2	6	4.00	20.40	1	1	42	20.40
148	Quarry.....	70	2				4		25.60	3	3	3	4	4.00	29.60			69	29.60
149	Guardian.....	26	1		1		2		9.20	7	3	3	9	9.00	18.20	1		27	18.20
150	Warren.....	35	1				2		13.20	3	3	3	23	23.00	36.20	1		42	36.20
151	Chaska.....	29	1				1		11.20	9	7	12	21	21.00	11.20	1		29	12.00
152	Frontier.....	37	1				5		14.40	3	3	3	9	9.00	35.40			41	36.60
153	Kodanya.....	33	1		2	2	5		11.20	3	3	3	9	9.00	20.20	1		32	20.20
154	Norman.....																		
155	Tracy.....	45	1				3	1	16.40		1		1	1.00	17.40	2		44	17.40
156	Wadena.....	38	5				5		22.40	3	2	2	7	7.00	29.40			58	29.40
157	Ferrian.....	40	5				5	2	13.20	1	1	1	3	2.00	15.20			36	16.20
158	Hector.....	25	1				2		8.60	1	1	1	1	3.00	11.80			23	11.80
159	Long Prairie.....	23		1			1		12.40						12.40	1		32	9.80

160	Plymouth.....	70	1	.....	1	.....	2	.....	27.20	14	15	15	44	44.00	71.20	86
161	Sincerity.....	31	3	.....	1	.....	7	2	8.80	3	3	3	19	9.00	17.40	30
162	Prescott.....	31	3	.....	1	.....	7	2	11.20	4	3	3	11	11.00	22.20	34
163	Summit.....	125	5	.....	3	.....	5	1	55.60	14	13	13	39	39.00	94.60	139
164	Jasper.....	76	3	.....	3	.....	3	.....	19.00	7	3	6	24	14.00	34.00	84
165	Minnehaha.....	24	2	.....	1	.....	3	2	20.20	6	4	2	15	15.00	44.80	82
166	Agate.....	44	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.80	5	7	2	20	20.20	28.80	34
168	Braden.....	44	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17.60	5	5	2	15	15.00	23.80	28
169	Pelican.....	46	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18.40	5	5	2	16	16.00	33.00	54
170	Fulda.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.00	7	.....	.....	23	23.00	39.80	56
171	Stekinah.....	43	3	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	18.00	7	.....	.....	1	1.00	7.00	15
172	Varietta.....	17	2	.....	.....	.....	3	1	5.60	2	3	4	14	14.00	32.00	56
173	Plumb Line.....	27	1	.....	.....	.....	2	2	18.00	4	4	5	11	11.00	16.60	21
174	Valley.....	21	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	8.00	9	9	9	27	27.00	37.00	36
175	Roman Eagle.....	24	3	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	8.00	1	1	1	3	3.00	11.00	22
176	Ark.....	66	1	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	25.60	36	35	34	105	105.00	130.60	116
177	Rough Ashler.....	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	7.20	4	3	3	10	10.00	17.20	21
178	Anchor.....	27	1	.....	.....	.....	1	1	10.00	3	3	3	12	12.00	22.00	31
179	King David.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	5.20	3	5	5	13	13.00	18.20	20
180	Osakis.....	9	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	2.80	2	2	4	8	8.00	10.80	24
181	Dalles.....	26	2	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	9.60	7	7	7	21	21.00	30.60	32
.....	Fairhaven, U. D.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	7	6	22	22.00	.....	.....
.....	Pelican R., U. D.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	4	4	12	12.00	.....	.....
.....	Shell, U. D.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	4	3	12	12.00	.....	.....
.....	Midway, U. D.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	1	5	5.00	.....	.....
.....	Ionie, U. D.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	3	3	10	10.00	.....	.....
.....	Arcana, U. D.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	5	5	15	15.00	.....	.....
.....	Fortitude, U. D.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	3	3.00	.....	.....
.....	Totals.....	10,912	352	13	165	107	637	177	\$4,049 00	833	835	835	2,593	\$2,593.00	\$6,543.00	11,441
.....																\$6,516.20

* In 1889: Initiated, 1; degrees conferred, 1; fees, \$1.

APPENDIX D.

SUMMARY OF LODGES BY COUNTIES.

COUNTIES.	LODGES.	No. of Lodge.	LOCATION.
Anoka	Anoka	30	Anoka.
Becker	Mount Tabor	106	Detroit.
Benton	Unity	93	Sauk Rapids.
Big Stone	Lakeview	142	Ortonville.
	Mankato	12	Mankato.
Blue Earth	Joppa	76	Good Thunder.
	Bethel	103	Lake Crystal.
	Josephus	128	Mapleton.
Brown	Keystone	94	Sleepy Eye.
	Charity	98	New Ulm.
	Watertown	50	Watertown.
Carver	Carver	111	Carver.
	Humboldt	132	Young America.
	Chaska	151	Chaska.
Carlton	Dalles	181	Cloquet.
Chippewa	Sunset	109	Montevideo.
Chisago	Zion	55	Taylor's Falls.
	Jasper	164	Rush City.
Clay	Moorhead	126	Moorhead.
	Pierson	169	Barnesville.
Cottonwood	Prudence	97	Windom.
Crow Wing	Aurora	100	Brainerd.
	Dakota	7	Hastings.
Dakota	Mount Moriah	35	Hastings.
	Corinthian	67	Farmington.
	Mantorville	11	Mantorville.
Dodge	Washington	38	Concord.
	Huram Abi	83	Kasson.
	Relief	108	Dodge Centre.
Douglas	Constellation	81	Alexandria.
	Osakis	180	Osakis.
	Blue Earth Valley	27	Winnebago City.
Faribault	Blue Earth City	57	Blue Earth City.
	Doric	87	Wells.
	King David	179	Elmore.
	Preston	36	Preston.
	Meridian	56	Chatfield.
Fillmore	Spring Valley	58	Spring Valley.
	Mystic Star	67	Rushford.
	Lebanon	102	Lanesboro.
Freeborn	Western Star	26	Albert Lea.

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COUNTIES.	LODGES.	No. of Lodge.	LOCATION.
Goodhue	{ Red Wing.....	8	Red Wing.
	{ Arcturus.....	130	Red Wing.
	{ Oriental.....	34	Cannon Falls.
	{ Mystic Tie.....	37	Pine Island.
Grant	{ Hermon.....	41	Zumbrota.
	{ Prescott.....	162	Hernian.
Hennepin	{ Cataract.....	2	Minneapolis, E.
	{ Hennepin.....	4	Minneapolis, W.
	{ Minneapolis.....	19	Minneapolis, W.
	{ Klaurum.....	112	Minneapolis, W.
	{ Excelsior.....	113	Excelsior.
	{ Winslow Lewis.....	125	Osseo.
	{ Plymouth.....	160	Minneapolis, W.
	{ Minnehaha.....	165	Minneapolis, W.
	{ Ark.....	176	Minneapolis, W.
Houston	{ Arcana.....	187	Minneapolis, N. E.
	{ Hokah.....	17	Hokah.
	{ Caledonia.....	20	Caledonia.
	{ Morning Star.....	29	La Crescent.
	{ Brownsville.....	73	Brownsville.
Hubbard.....	{ Mystic Circle.....	78	Houston.
	{ Orient.....	84	Money Creek.
Jackson	{ Shell.....	184	Park Rapids.
	{ Good Faith.....	90	Jackson.
Kandiyohi	{ Sharon.....	104	Willmar.
	{ Orion.....	138	Atwater.
Lac qui Parle.....	{ Marietta.....	172	Marietta.
Lake.....	{ Fortitude.....	188	Two Harbors.
	{ Sakatah.....	32	Waterville.
Le Sueur.....	{ Union.....	45	Le Sueur.
	{ Concord.....	47	Cleveland.
Lincoln.....	{ Benton.....	146	Lake Benton.
Lyon.....	{ Delta.....	119	Marshall.
	{ Tracy.....	155	Tracy.
McLeod.....	{ Hope.....	42	Glencoe.
	{ Temple.....	59	Hutchinson.
	{ Guardian.....	149	Brownston.
Marshall.....	{ Warren.....	150	Warren.
Martin.....	{ Chain Lake.....	64	Fairmont.
Meeker.....	{ Golden Fleece.....	89	Litchfield.
Mille Lacs.....	{ Fraternal.....	92	Princeton.
Morrison.....	{ Little Falls.....	140	Little Falls.
	{ Anchor.....	178	Royalton.
Murray.....	{ Currie.....	142	Currie.
	{ Fulda.....	170	Fulda.
	{ Fidelity.....	39	Austin.
Mower.....	{ Lansing.....	72	Lansing.
	{ Eureka.....	75	Le Roy.
	{ Lafayette.....	116	Brownsdale.
	{ Grand Meadow.....	121	Grand Meadow
	{ Alma.....	131	Lyle.

SUMMARY OF LODGES BY COUNTIES.—*Continued.*

COUNTIES.	LODGES.	No. of Lodge.	LOCATION.
Nicollet.....	Nicollet	54	St. Peter.
Nobles.....	{ Fraternity.....	101	Worthington.
	{ Roman Eagle	175	Adrian.
Norman.....	Norman.....	154	Ada.
	{ Rochester.....	21	Rochester.
Olmsted.....	{ Pleasant Grove	22	Pleasant Grove.
	{ Ashler.....	61	Eyota.
	{ High Forest.....	85	High Forest.
	{ Fergus Falls.....	99	Fergus Falls.
Otter Tail	{ Perham.....	157	Perham.
	{ Pelican Rapids.....	183	Pelican Rapids.
Polk.....	Crookston.....	141	Crookston.
Pope.....	{ Sincerity.....	161	Villard.
	{ Valley.....	174	Glenwood.
Pipestone.....	Quarry.....	148	Pipestone.
	{ St. Paul.....	3	St. Paul.
	{ Ancient Landmark.....	5	St. Paul.
	{ Summit.....	163	St. Paul.
Ramsey.....	{ Garnet.....	166	White Bear.
	{ Braden.....	168	St. Paul.
	{ Shekinah.....	171	St. Paul.
	{ Midway.....	185	St. Paul.
Redwood... ..	{ Antiquity.....	91	Redwood Falls.
	{ Walnut.....	136	Walnut Grove.
Renville.....	{ Bird Island.....	144	Bird Island.
	{ Hector.....	158	Hector.
Rock.....	Ben Franklin.....	114	Luverne.
	{ Faribault.....	9	Faribault.
Rice.....	{ Social.....	48	Northfield.
	{ Cannon River.....	52	Morristown.
St. Louis.....	{ Palestine.....	79	Duluth.
	{ Ionic.....	186	Duluth.
	{ King Hiram.....	31	Jordan.
Scott.....	{ King Solomon.....	44	Shakopee.
	{ Rough Ashler.....	177	Belle Plaine.
Sherburne.....	Sherburne.....	95	Elk River.
Sibley.....	Henderson.....	80	Henderson.
	{ North Star.....	23	St. Cloud.
	{ Star in the West.....	60	Sauk Centre.
Stearns	{ Paynesville.....	71	Paynesville.
	{ Melrose.....	145	Melrose.
	{ Plumb Line.....	173	Maine Prairie.
	{ Fair Haven.....	182	Fair Haven.
Steele.....	{ Star in the East.....	33	Owatonna.
	{ Prairie.....	123	Blooming Prairie.
Stevens.....	Golden Sheaf.....	133	Morris.
Swift.....	Swift.....	129	Benson.
	{ Appleton.....	137	Appleton.
Todd.....	{ Long Prairie.....	159	Long Prairie.
Traverse.....	Kodahya.....	153	Browns Valley.

SUMMARY OF LODGES BY COUNTIES.— *Continued.*

COUNTIES.	LODGES.	No. of Lodge.	LOCATION.
Wabasha.....	Wapahasa.....	14	Wabasha.
	Carnelian.....	40	Lake City.
	Illustrious.....	63	Plainview.
	Tyrian.....	86	Mazeppa.
	Elgin.....	115	Elgin.
Waseca.....	Kellogg.....	122	Kellogg.
	Wilton.....	24	Alma City.
	Tuscan.....	77	Waseca.
Washington	Janesville	124	Janesville.
	St. Johns.....	1	Stillwater.
	Acacia.....	50	Cottage Grove.
Wadena... ..	Golden Rule.....	65	Lakeland.
	Newport.....	118	Newport.
Watsonwan.....	Verndale.....	139	Verndale.
	Wadena.....	156	Wadena.
Wilkin.. ..	Madelia.....	66	Madelia.
	Libanus.....	96	St. James.
Winona.....	Frontier.....	152	Breckenridge.
	Agate.....	167	Campbell.
Wright.....	Winona.....	18	Winona.
	Harmony.....	43	Lewiston.
	Evergreen	46	Troy.
	Rising Sun.....	49	St. Charles.
	Pickwick.....	110	Pickwick.
Yellow Medicine...	Monticello.....	16	Monticello.
	Clearwater.....	28	Clearwater.
	Star.....	62	Rockford.
	Howard.....	82	Howard Lake.
	Cokato.....	134	Cokato.
	Nelson.....	135	Buffalo.
	Granite.....	117	Granite Falls.
	Canby.....	147	Canby.

APPENDIX E.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

To all Whom it May Concern, Greeting:

Know ye, that I have divided the territory of the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota, A. : F. : & A. : M. :, into thirty-three (33) districts, each district composed of the lodges as hereinafter designated, and that I have appointed and do hereby depute and appoint the Right Worshipful brethren hereinafter named as District Deputy Grand Masters, in and for the respective districts, as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

R. : W. : EDWARD M. WINSLOW (73), BROWNSVILLE.

Hokah.....	17	Brownsville.....	73
Caledonia.....	20	Mystic Circle.....	78
Morning Star.....	29	Pickwick.....	110
Preston.....	36		

SECOND DISTRICT.

R. : W. : B. F. FARMER (58), SPRING VALLEY.

Spring Valley.....	58	Lebanon.....	102
Mystic Star.....	69	Grand Meadow.....	121
Orient.....	84		

THIRD DISTRICT.

R. W. WM. TODD (39), AUSTIN.

Fidelity.....	39	Lafayette.....	116
Lansing.....	72	Prairie.....	123
Eureka.....	75	Alma.....	131

FOURTH DISTRICT.

R. W. JOSEPH UNDERLEAK (56), CHATFIELD.

Pleasant Grove.....	22	High Forest.....	85
Meridian	56		

FIFTH DISTRICT.

R. W. E. D. HULBURT (18), WINONA.

Winona	18	Ashler.....	61
Harmony.....	43	Illustrious.....	63
Evergreen.....	46	Elgin.....	115
Rising Sun	49		

SIXTH DISTRICT.

R. W. A. T. STEBBINS (21), ROCHESTER.

Mantorville.....	11	Huram Abi.....	83
Rochester	21	Relief.....	108
Washington	38		

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. G. MAXWELL (41), ZUMBROTA.

Wapahasa.....	14	Hermon.....	41
Mystic Tie.....	37	Tyrian	86
Carnelian.....	40	Kellogg	122

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

R. W. J. L. POWERS (35), HASTINGS.

Dakota.....	7	Mount Moriah.....	35
Red Wing.....	8	Arcturus	130
Oriental	34		

NINTH DISTRICT.

R. W. L. HAWLEY (9), FARIBAULT.

Faribault.....	9	Cannon River.....	52
Star in the East.....	33	Corinthian.....	67
Social	48		

TENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. M. G. KIMBALL (32), WATERVILLE.

Wilton.....	24	Tuscan	77
Western Star.....	26	Janesville.....	124
Sakatah.....	32		

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. ALEX. FIDDES (90), JACKSON.

Blue Earth Valley.....	27	Doric.....	87
Blue Earth City.....	57	Good Faith.....	90
Chain Lake.....	64	King David.....	179

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

R. W. W. H. HALBERT (114), LUVERNE.

Prudence.....	97	Ben Franklin.....	114
Fraternity.....	101	Roman Eagle.....	175

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. CHAS. A. CHAPMAN (12), MANKATO.

Mankato	12	Libanus.....	96
Madelia	66	Bethel.....	103
Joppa	76	Josephus.....	128

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. J. P. KIRBY (80), HENDERSON.

Union.....	45	Nicollet	54
Concord	47	Henderson.....	80

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. C. W. GILMORE (148), PIPESTONE.

Currie.....	142	Fulda	170
Quarry	148		

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. FREMONT S. BROWN (155), TRACY.

Delta.....	119	Canby	147
Walnut.....	136	Tracy	155
Benton	146		

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. O. L. DORNBERG (91), REDWOOD FALLS.

Antiquity.....	91	Charity.....	98
Keystone.....	94	Marietta.	172

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: J. A. GETTY (166), WHITE BEAR.

St. Johns.....	1	Newport.....	118
Acacia	51	Jasper.....	164
Zion.....	55	Garnet.....	166
Golden Rule.....	65		

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: W. G. DE VOL (5), ST. PAUL.

St. Paul.....	3	Braden	168
Ancient Landmark.....	5	Shekinah.....	171
Summit	163	Midway	185

TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: WM. P. ROBERTS (4), MINNEAPOLIS.

Cataract.....	2	Plymouth.....	160
Hennepin	4	Minnehaha	165
Minneapolis	19	Ark.....	176
Khurum	112	Arcana.....	187

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

R.: W.: CHAS. L. CHAMBERLIN (177), BELLE PLAINE.

King Hiram.....	31	Chaska.....	151
King Solomon.....	44	Rough Ashler.....	177
Carver	111		

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

R.: W.: HENRY L. SIMONS (42), GLENCOE.

Hope	42	Guardian.....	149
Temple.....	59	Hector.....	158
Bird Island.....	144		

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

R.: W.: WM. DUNBRACK (109), MONTEVIDEO.

Sunset.....	109	Appleton.....	137
Granite.....	117	Lakeview.....	143

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: E. A. D. SALTER (138), ATWATER.

Howard.....	82	Cokato.....	134
Golden Fleece.....	89	Orion.....	138
Sharon.....	104		

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: O. C. HANSON (133), MORRIS.

Swift.....	129	Kodahya.....	153
Golden Sheaf.....	133	Prescott.....	162
Frontier.....	152	Agate.....	167

TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: O. L. CUTTER (30), ANOKA.

Monticello.....	16	Sherburne.....	95
Anoka.....	30	Winslow Lewis.....	125
Star.....	62	Nelson.....	135
Fraternal.....	92		

TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: W. T. RIGBY (28), CLEARWATER.

North Star.....	23	Unity.....	93
Clearwater.....	28	Plumb Line.....	173
Paynesville.....	71	Fair Haven.....	182

 TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: E. P. BARNUM (60), SAUK CENTRE.

Star in the West.....	60	Sincerity	161
Constellation	81	Valley.....	174
Melrose	145	Osakis.....	180
Long Prairie.....	159		

TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: GEO. N. LA VAQUE (79), DULUTH.

Palestine	79	Ionic.....	186
Dalles.....	181	Fortitude.....	188

THIRTIETH DISTRICT.

R.: W.: THOS. C. BIVINS (100), BRAINERD.

Aurora.....	100	Wadena	156
Verndale.....	139	Anchor.....	178
Little Falls	140	Shell	184

THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

R.: W.: M. T. McMAHON (99), FERGUS FALLS.

Corner Stone.....	99	Perham.....	157
Mount Tabor.....	106	Pierson	169
Moorhead	126	Pelican Rapids.....	183

THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

R.: W.: E. W. ROSSMAN (150), WARREN.

Crookston.....	141	Norman.....	154
Warren.....	150		

THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

R. W. O. C. MEAKER (113), EXCELSIOR.

Watertown.....	50	Humboldt.....	132
Excelsior	113		

And the said R. W. District Deputies are authorized to perform the duties and exercise the powers pertaining to said office, within their respective districts, until the next annual communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Minnesota, unless otherwise ordered.

Dated this thirtieth day of January, A. D. 1890. A. L. 5890.

J. A. KESTER,

Grand Master.



In Memory of

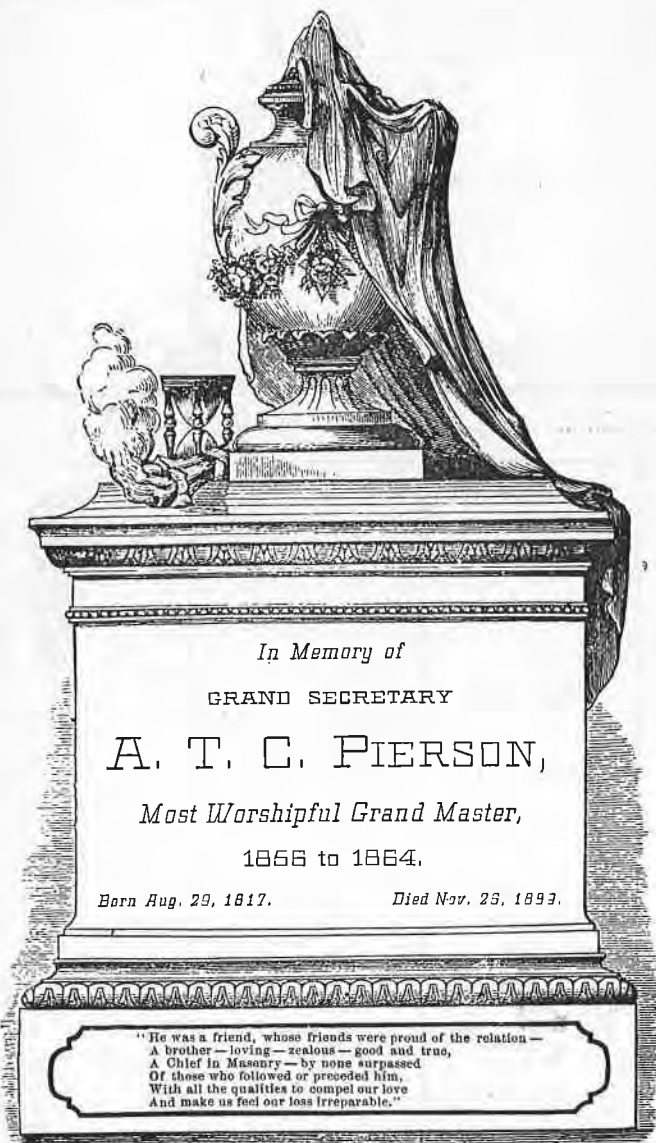
J. W. MORFORD,

Junior Grand Warden, 1871.

Died at Owatonna, August 30th, 1889, Aged 57 Years.

"He was for many years W. M. of Star in the East Lodge, and you will understand me when I say that on one hundred and five different occasions he stood at the E. Gate of the Temple, and there, taught symbolically, that solemn and impressive lesson, which all must learn in its reality sooner or later."

[Extract from address of Grand Master.]



In Memory of

GRAND SECRETARY

A. T. C. PIERSON,

Most Worshipful Grand Master,

1866 to 1864.

Born Aug. 29, 1817.

Died Nov. 25, 1893.

"He was a friend, whose friends were proud of the relation —
A brother — loving — zealous — good and true,
A Chief in Masonry — by none surpassed
Of those who followed or preceded him,
With all the qualities to compel our love
And make us feel our loss irreparable."

APPENDIX F.

IN MEMORY OF DECEASED BRETHREN.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	NAME OF MEMBER.	DATE.
1	St. Johns.....	Ole Westergren.....	Aug. 17, 1889.
2	Cataract	Wm. E. Polhamus....	Feb. 17, 1889.
		Frink P. Redding....	Sept. 8, 1889.
		George M. Boston ...	Dec. 1, 1889.
		Henry A. Dow.....	Nov. 20, 1889.
3	St. Paul.....	Albert T. C. Cobb...	Mch. 29, 1889.
		David Watson.....	Nov. 1, 1889.
4	Hennepin.....	J. C. Worrall.....	April 26, 1889.
		William A. Rowell...	July 6, 1889.
5	Ancient Landmark..	Stephen E. Barker...	Feb. 22, 1889.
		George A. Hamilton.	July 1, 1889.
		Jonathan Davis.....	July 20, 1889.
		John F. Lincoln.....	Aug. 19, 1889.
		Samuel S. De Camp..	Sept. 3, 1889.
		A. T. C. Pierson.....	Nov. 26, 1889.
		William Baldwin.....	Jan. 20, 1886.
8	Red Wing.....	Frank R. Sterrett....	May 12, 1889.
9	Faribault.....	Ingham G. Beaumont	June 12, 1889.
		Adolph W Henkle...	Sept. 23, 1889.
12	Mankato	James McMurtrie....	May 15, 1889.
14	Wapahasa.....	W. J. Arnold.....	Mch. 4, 1889.
		Hans Lindem.....	Aug. 5, 1889.
16	Monticello	A. H. Keays.....	Dec. 20, 1889.
18	Winona.....	Charles S. Goulden..	Feb. 21, 1889.
19	Minneapolis.....	Amos C. Berry.....	June 20, 1889.
		William Martin.....	July 12, 1889.
		Alex. Bruce.....	July 29, 1889.
		Myron W. Stoddard.	Oct. 9, 1889.
21	Rochester.....	O. O. Baldwin.....	May 2, 1889.
23	North Star	Joseph E. Wing.....	June 5, 1889.
27	Blue Earth Valley..	John S. Robertson ...	April 23, 1889.
32	Sakatah.....	Albert B. Rogers.....	May 4, 1889.
33	Star in the East.....	J. W. Morford.	Aug. 30, 1889.
34	Oriental.....	Robert Whitsen.....	July 7, 1889.

APPENDIX F—*Continued.*

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	NAME OF MEMBER.	DATE.
35	Mount Moriah.....	Jacob Yanz	Oct. 21, 1889.
37	Mystic Tie.....	W. S. Newton, Jr....	Sept. 8, 1883.
38	Washington.....	Fred D. Blinn.....	Oct. 12, 1889.
39	Fidelity.....	R. A. Nicols	Jan. —, 1889.
40	Carnelian	Chas. F. Young	Nov. 22, 1889.
42	Hope.....	George K. Deming...	Feb. —, 1889.
52	Cannon River.....	James Walker	Aug. 10, 1889.
54	Nicollet.....	Thomas Clark	Mar. 15, 1889.
		Alfred J. Lamberton..	Aug. 10, 1889.
55	Zion.....	Henry Clayton.....	Nov. 28, 1889.
56	Meridian.....	John Chermak, Sr....	Feb. 16, 1889.
		William H. Smith....	Feb. 22, 1889.
		Charles Drury.....	Oct. 6, 1889.
		Henry J. Young.....	Dec. 26, 1889.
57	Blue Earth City...	Peter B. Davy	Jan. 7, 1889.
		Daniel F. Goodrich..	Sept. 4, 1889.
		Daniel Fercer.....	Sept. 9, 1889.
61	Ashler.....	O. S. Armstrong.....	Jan. 11, 1889.
		W. C. Johnson.....	July 19, 1889.
62	Star	Nathaniel D. Sperry.	Sept. 9, 1889.
65	Golden Rule	James R. Dickinson..	May 4, 1889.
67	Corinthian.....	Daniel Collett.....	Mar. 31, 1889.
69	Mystic Star.....	Hubert Scharff.....	April 14, 1889.
79	Palestine.....	Rush J. Pettibone....	—, 1889.
80	Henderson.....	Christian Klinkert ...	April 30, 1889.
81	Constellation.....	Wm. McKinzie.....	Feb. 22, 1889.
85	High Forest.....	Charles L. Grannis...	Nov. 24, 1889.
87	Doric.....	H. B. Collins.....	June 20, 1889.
		Carl Roth.....	Sept. 27, 1889.
89	Golden Fleece	Isaac Lloyd.....	April 9, 1889.
		John G. Hanson.....	Aug. 10, 1889.
91	Antiquity.....	Azariah Dolvin.....	Aug. 14, 1889.
		James Anderson.....	July 15, 1889.
99	Corner Stone.....	John W. Corliss.....	Sept. 29, 1889.
100	Aurora.....	D. P. Bigger.....	—, 1889.
101	Fraternity.....	Samuel M. Espy.....	Jan. 16, 1889.
103	Bethel.....	Randolph Mitchell...	Feb. 4, 1889.
104	Sharon.....	B. W. Sperry	Oct. 13, 1889.
106	Mt. Tabor.....	G. H. Johnston.....	—, 1889.
		J. O. Froshang.....	June —, 1889.
108	Relief.....	Calvin C. Prince.....	Feb. 21, 1889.
109	Sunset.....	William Byers	July 6, 1889.
		Aaron J. Mullen.....	Oct. 29, 1889.
112	Khurum.....	A. Backdahl.....	Jan. 20, 1889.
		C. C. Biegler.....	Jan. 17, 1889.
		Pitt M. Mathews.....	Sept. 20, 1889.
		John Smith.....	Dec. 31, 1889.
114	Ben Franklin.....	Patrick F. Kelley	Mar. 26, 1889.
115	Elgin.....	L. E. Gates.....	April 20, 1889.
119	Delta.....	Andrew C. Forbes...	July 2, 1889.
		John N. Lee.....	Sept. 19, 1889.

APPENDIX F—*Concluded.*

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	NAME OF MEMBER.	DATE.
119	Delta	Arthur W. Maxson...	Dec. 11, 1889.
123	Prairie.....	Andrew J. Pettis.....	Dec. 8, 1889.
125	Winslow Lewis	William Stinchfield..	—, 1889.
132	Humboldt.....	Julius Martin.....	Jan. 1, 1889.
		C. W. Bachmann.....	Sept. 4, 1889.
		Peter Lindner	Sept. 30, 1889.
133	Golden Sheaf.....	Henry Hutchins.....	April 27, 1889.
134	Cokato.....	Moses Inbry.....	Jan. 1, 1889.
135	Nelson.....	Benjamin Ambler.....	Aug. 25, 1887.
141	Crookston.....	Geo. Bucknam.....	May 21, 1889.
144	Bird Island.....	Joseph E. Bowler.....	July 12, 1889.
147	Canby.....	Jerome B. Rogers.....	—, 1889.
149	Guardian.....	Oscar R. Schmid.....	Dec. 5, 1889.
150	Warren.....	A. E. Flint.....	Jan. 25, 1889.
153	Kodayah.....	A. E. Tuckey.....	Jan. 25, 1889.
		E. C. Goodenow,....	May 20, 1889.
160	Plymouth.....	George Anthes.....	May 23, 1889.
161	Sincerity.....	Ole C. Huelberg.....	Mar. —, 1889.
165	Minnehaha.....	Stiles Gray.....	Oct. 16, 1889.
		Martin M. Smith.....	Jan. 6, 1889.
176	Ark.....	Daniel G. Thompson	Aug. 18, 1889.
180	Osakis	Christian Nelson.....	—, 1889.

APPENDIX G.

NAMES OF LODGES ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

NAME.	No.	NAME.	No.	NAME.	No.
Ancient Landmark.....	5	Guardian.....	149	Osakis.....	180
Anoka.....	30	Garnet.....	166	Pleasant Grove.....	22
Acacia.....	51			Preston.....	36
Ashler.....	61	Hennepin.....	4	Paynesville.....	71
Antiquity.....	91	Hokah.....	17	Palestine.....	79
Aurora.....	100	Herman.....	41	Prudence.....	97
Arcturus.....	130	Hope.....	42	Pickwick.....	110
Alma.....	131	Harmony.....	43	Prairie.....	123
Appleton.....	137	Henderson.....	80	Perham.....	157
Agate.....	167	Howard.....	82	Plymouth.....	160
Ark.....	176	Hiram Abi.....	83	Prescott.....	162
Anchor.....	178	High Forest.....	85	Piermont.....	169
Arcana.....	187	Humboldt.....	132	Plumb Line.....	173
		Hector.....	158	Pelican Rapids.....	183
Blue Earth Valley.....	27			Quarry.....	148
Blue Earth City.....	57	Illustrious.....	63		
Brownsville.....	73	Ionic.....	186	Red Wing.....	8
Bethel.....	103				
Ben Franklin.....	114	Joppa.....	76	Rochester.....	21
Bird Island.....	144	Janesville.....	124	Rising Sun.....	49
Benton.....	146	Josephus.....	128	Relief.....	108
Braden.....	168	Jasper.....	164	Roman Eagle.....	175
				Rough Ashler.....	177
Cataract.....	2	King Hiram.....	31		
Caledonia.....	20	King Solomon.....	44	St Johns.....	1
Clearwater.....	28	Keystone.....	94	St. Paul.....	3
Carnelian.....	40	Khurum.....	112	Sakatah.....	32
Concord.....	47	Kellogg.....	122	Star in the East.....	33
Cannon River.....	52	Kodahya.....	153	Social.....	48
Chain Lake.....	64	King David.....	179	Spring Valley.....	58
Corinthian.....	67			Star in the West.....	60
Constellation.....	81	Lansing.....	72	Star.....	62
Charity.....	98	Libanus.....	96	Sherburne.....	95
Corner Stone.....	99	Lebanon.....	102	Sharon.....	104
Carver.....	111	Lafayette.....	116	Sunset.....	109
Cokato.....	134	Lakeview.....	143	Swift.....	129
Crookston.....	141	Long Prairie.....	159	Sincerity.....	161
Currie.....	142	Little Falls.....	140	Summit.....	163
Canby.....	147			Shekinah.....	171
Chaska.....	151	Mantorville.....	11	Shell.....	184
		Mankato.....	12		
Dakota.....	7	Monticello.....	16	Temple.....	59
Doric.....	87	Minneapolis.....	19	Tuscan.....	77
Delta.....	119	Morning Star.....	29	Tyrian.....	86
Dalles.....	181	Mount Moriah.....	35	Tracy.....	155
		Mystic Tie.....	37		
Evergreen.....	46	Meredian.....	56	Union.....	45
Eureka.....	75	Madelia.....	66	Unity.....	93
Excelsior.....	113	Mystic Star.....	69		
Elgin.....	115	Mystic Circle.....	78	Verndale.....	139
		Mt. Tabor.....	106	Valley.....	174
Faribault.....	9	Moorhead.....	126		
Fidelity.....	39	Melrose.....	145	Wapahasa.....	14
Fraternal.....	92	Minnehaha.....	165	Winona.....	18
Fraternity.....	101	Macietta.....	172	Wilton.....	24
Frontier.....	152	Midway.....	185	Western Star.....	26
Fulda.....	170			Washington.....	38
Fair Haven.....	182	North Star.....	23	Watertown.....	50
Fortitude.....	188	Nicollet.....	54	Winslow Lewis.....	125
		Newport.....	118	Walnut.....	136
Golden Rule.....	65	Nelson.....	135	Warren.....	150
Golden Fleece.....	89	Norman.....	154	Wadena.....	156
Good Faith.....	90				
Granite.....	117	Oriental.....	34	Zion.....	55
Grand Meadow.....	121	Orient.....	84		
Golden Sheaf.....	133	Orion.....	138		

APPENDIX H.

LOCATION OF LODGES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

LOCATION.	LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	LODGE.	No.
Ada.....	Norman.....	154	Kasson.....	Huram Abi.....	83
Adrian.....	Roman Eagle.....	175	Kellogg.....	Kellogg.....	122
Albert Lea.....	Western Star.....	26	La Crescent.....	Morning Star.....	29
Alexandria.....	Constellation.....	81	Lake Benton.....	Benton.....	146
Alma City.....	Wilton.....	24	Lake City.....	Carnelian.....	40
Anoka.....	Anoka.....	30	Lake Crystal.....	Bethel.....	103
Appleton.....	Appleton.....	137	Lakeland.....	Golden Rule.....	65
Atwater.....	Orion.....	138	Lanesboro.....	Lebanon.....	102
Austin.....	Fidelity.....	39	Lansing.....	Lansing.....	72
Belle Plaine.....	Rough Ashler.....	177	Le Roy.....	Eureka.....	75
Benson.....	Swift.....	129	Le Sueur.....	Union.....	45
Bird Island.....	Bird Island.....	144	Lewiston.....	Harmony.....	43
Blooming Prairie.....	Prairie.....	123	Lisle.....	Alma.....	131
Blue Earth City.....	Blue Earth City.....	57	Litchfield.....	Golden Fleece.....	89
Brainerd.....	Aurora.....	100	Little Falls.....	Little Falls.....	140
Breckenridge.....	Frontier.....	152	Long Prairie.....	Long Prairie.....	159
Browns Valley.....	Kodahya.....	153	Luverne.....	Ben Franklin.....	114
Brownsville.....	Brownsville.....	73	Madelia.....	Madelia.....	66
Brownsdale.....	Lafayette.....	116	Maine Prairie.....	Plumb Line.....	172
Brownton.....	Guardian.....	149	Mankato.....	Mankato.....	173
Buffalo.....	Nelson.....	135	Mantorville.....	Mantorville.....	11
Caledonia.....	Caledonia.....	20	Marietta.....	Marietta.....	172
Canby.....	Canby.....	147	Marshall.....	Delta.....	119
Cannon Falls.....	Oriental.....	34	Mapleton.....	Josephus.....	128
Campbell.....	Agate.....	167	Mazeppa.....	Tyrian.....	86
Carver.....	Carver.....	111	Melrose.....	Melrose.....	145
Chaska.....	Chaska.....	151	Minneapolis.....	Cataract.....	2
Chatfield.....	Meredian.....	56	Minneapolis.....	Hennepin.....	4
Clearwater.....	Clearwater.....	28	Minneapolis.....	Minneapolis.....	19
Cleveland.....	Concord.....	47	Minneapolis.....	Khurum.....	112
Cloquet.....	Dalles.....	181	Minneapolis.....	Plymouth.....	160
Cokato.....	Cokato.....	134	Minneapolis.....	Minnehaha.....	165
Cottage Grove.....	Acacia.....	51	Minneapolis.....	Ark.....	176
Crookston.....	Crookston.....	141	Minneapolis.....	Arcana.....	187
Currie.....	Currie.....	142	Money Creek.....	Orient.....	84
Detroit.....	Mt. Tabor.....	106	Montevideo.....	Sunset.....	109
Dodge Centre.....	Relief.....	108	Monticello.....	Monticello.....	16
Duluth.....	Palestine.....	79	Moorhead.....	Moorhead.....	126
Duluth.....	Ionic.....	186	Morris.....	Golden Sheaf.....	133
Elgin.....	Elgin.....	115	Morristown.....	Cannon River.....	52
Elk River.....	Sherburne.....	95	New Barnesville.....	Pierson.....	169
Elmore.....	King David.....	179	Newport.....	Newport.....	118
Excelsior.....	Excelsior.....	113	New Ulm.....	Charity.....	98
Eyota.....	Ashler.....	61	Northfield.....	Social.....	48
Fair Haven.....	Fair Haven.....	182	Ortonville.....	Lakeview.....	143
Fairmount.....	Chain Lake.....	64	Osakis.....	Osakis.....	180
Faribault.....	Faribault.....	9	Osseo.....	Winslow Lewis.....	125
Farmington.....	Corinthian.....	67	Owatonna.....	Star in the East.....	33
Fergus Falls.....	Corner Stone.....	99	Park Rapids.....	Shell.....	184
Fulda.....	Fulda.....	170	Paynesville.....	Paynesville.....	71
Glencoe.....	Hope.....	42	Pelican Rapids.....	Pelican Rapids.....	183
Good Thunder.....	Joppa.....	76	Perham.....	Perham.....	157
Grand Meadow.....	Grand Meadow.....	121	Pickwick.....	Pickwick.....	110
Granite Falls.....	Granite.....	117	Pine Island.....	Mystic Tie.....	37
Greenwood.....	Valley.....	174	Pipestone.....	Quarry.....	148
Hastings.....	Dakota.....	7	Plainview.....	Illustrious.....	63
Hastings.....	Mt. Moriah.....	35	Pleasant Grove.....	Pleasant Grove.....	22
Hector.....	Hector.....	158	Preston.....	Preston.....	36
Henderson.....	Henderson.....	80	Princeton.....	Fraternal.....	92
Herman.....	Prescott.....	162	Red Wing.....	Red Wing.....	8
High Forest.....	High Forest.....	85	Red Wing.....	Arcturus.....	130
Hokah.....	Hokah.....	17	Redwood Falls.....	Antiquity.....	91
Houston.....	Mystic Circle.....	78	Rochester.....	Rochester.....	21
Howard.....	Howard.....	82	Star.....	Star.....	62
Hutchinson.....	Temple.....	59	Royalton.....	Anchor.....	178
Jackson.....	Good Faith.....	90	Rush City.....	Jasper.....	164
Janesville.....	Janesville.....	124	Rushford.....	Mystic Star.....	60
Jordan.....	King Hiram.....	31	Sauk Centre.....	Star in the West.....	60

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Shakopee.....	King Solomon.....	44	Villard.....	Sincerity.....	161
Sleepy Eye.....	Keystone.....	94	Wabasha	Wapahasa	14
Spring Valley.....	Spring Valley.....	58	Wadena	Wadena.....	156
Stillwater.....	St. Johns.....	1	Walnut Grove.....	Walnut.....	136
St. Charles.....	Rising Sun.....	49	Warren.....	Warren.....	150
St. Cloud.....	North Star.....	23	Waseca.....	Tuscan.....	77
St. James.....	Libanus.....	96	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	50
St. Paul.....	St. Paul.....	3	Waterville.....	Sakatah.....	32
St. Paul.....	Ancie't Landm'rks	5	Wells.....	Doric.....	87
St. Paul.....	Summit.....	163	West Concord.....	Washington.....	38
St. Paul.....	Braden.....	168	White Bear.....	Garnet.....	166
St. Paul.....	Shekinah.....	171	Willmar.....	Sharon.....	104
St. Paul.....	Midway.....	185	Windom.....	Prudence.....	97
St. Peter.....	Nicollet.....	54	Winnebago City..	Blue Earth Valley	27
Taylor's Falls.....	Zion.....	55	Winona	Winona.....	18
Tracy.....	Tracy.....	155	Worthington.....	Fraternity.....	101
Troy.....	Evergreen.....	46	Young America...	Humboldt.....	132
Two Harbors.....	Fortitude.....	188	Zumbrota.....	Hermon.....	41

APPENDIX I.

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND LODGES.

TO			FROM	
NAME.	RESIDENCE.	STATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
G. H. Luhrs.....	.....	Arizona.....	.....	.....
George L. Kimball.....	Dardanelle.....	Arkansas.....	C. H. Benton.....	Minneapolis.
Nathan Dikeman.....	Waterbury.....	Connecticut....	Charles Griswold..	St. Paul.
Alex. G. Abell.....	San Francisco....	California.....	George W. Prescott	*
Henry M. Teller.....	Central.....	Colorado.....	Edward W. Durant	Stillwater.
A. A. Stevenson.....	Montreal.....	Canada.....	H. R. Denny.....	Carver.
C. W. Hancock.....	Washington.....	Dist. Columbia	H. R. Wells.....	Preston.
C. C. King.....	Newark.....	Delaware.....	E. P. Barnum.....	Sauk Centre.
George H. Hand.....	Yankton.....	Dakota.....	William S. Combs..	St. Paul.
Angus Patterson.....	.....	Florida.....	Henry R. Wells.....	Preston.
Thos. W. Chandler.....	Atlanta.....	Georgia.....	E. P. Barnum.....	Sauk Centre.
William Hacker.....	Shelbyville.....	Indiana.....	W. S. Combs.....	St. Paul.
Edward C. Pace.....	Ashley.....	Illinois.....	.....	.....
Z. C. Luse.....	Iowa City.....	Iowa.....	.....	.....
Fred Epstein.....	Boise City.....	Idaho.....	.....	.....
F. H. Nash.....	Fort Gibson.....	Indian Ter.....	.....	.....
Elisha S. Fitch.....	Flemingsburg.....	Kentucky.....	.....	.....
John H. Spencer.....	Independence.....	Kansas.....	.....	.....
J. Q. A. Fellows.....	New Orleans.....	Louisiana.....	.....	.....
J. H. Drummond.....	Portland.....	Maine.....	.....	.....
Hugh B. Jones.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland.....	.....	.....
John Woodruff.....	.....	Michigan.....	.....	.....
Samuel H. Saunders.....	Otterville.....	Missouri.....	.....	.....
Hugh McCowan.....	Winnipeg.....	Manitoba.....	.....	.....
M. P. Langford.....	St. Paul.....	Montana.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	Nevada.....	.....	.....
Albert S. Bachellor.....	Littleton.....	N. Hampshire..	.....	.....
John C. Muirheid.....	Pennington.....	New Jersey.....	.....	.....
Eugene Grissom.....	Raleigh.....	N. Carolina.....	.....	.....
Robert C. Jordan.....	Omaha.....	Nebraska.....	.....	.....
Thos. Walker.....	St. John.....	New Brunswik	.....	.....
E. M. L. Ehlers.....	New York.....	New York.....	.....	.....
L. Johnston, M. D.....	Sydney Mines....	Nova Scotia....	.....	.....
Ralph R. Rickley.....	Columbus.....	Ohio.....	.....	.....
Richard Vaux.....	Philadelphia.....	Pennsylvania..	.....	.....
John P. Noyes.....	Stafford.....	Quebec.....	.....	.....
John E. Goldsworthy	Central Falls....	Rhode Island..	.....	.....
Henry M. Aiken.....	Knoxville.....	Tennessee.....	.....	.....
Philip C. Tucker.....	Galveston.....	Texas.....	.....	.....
Parley L. Williams.....	Salt Lake.....	Utah.....	.....	.....
Edwin Wheelock.....	Cambridge.....	Vermont.....	.....	.....
Henry L. Palmer.....	Milwaukee.....	Wisconsin.....	.....	.....
Louis Zeigler.....	Spokane Falls	Washington....	.....	.....
William J. Bates, Sr...	Wheeling.....	West Virginia.	.....	.....

* Made vacant by death of A. T. C. Pierson.

APPENDIX J.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF GRAND MASTERS AND GRAND SECRETARIES.

UNITED STATES GRAND LODGES.

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND MASTER.	ADDRESS.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Alabama	Henry H. Brown...	Birmingham..	Myles J. Greene.....	Montgomery.
Arizona	Morris Goldwater...	Prescott.....	John M. Ormsby.....	Tucson.
Arkansas	J. W. Sorrels.....	Mansfield.....	Fay Hempstead.....	Little Rock.
California	Morris M. Estee.....	San Francisco	Alexander G. Abell..	San Francisco.
Colorado	Wm. T. Bridwell.....	Canon City.....	Ed. C. Parmelee.....	Pueblo.
Connecticut	John H. Swartwout	Stamford	Jos. K. Wheeler.....	Hartford.
Delaware	Jas. S. Dobb	Wilmington...	Wm. S. Hayes.....	Wilmington.
Dist. Columbia.	Harrison Dingman.	Washington...	Wm. R. Singleton...	Washington, D. C.
Florida	Henry W. Long.....	Martel	DeWitt C. Dawkins	Jacksonville.
Georgia	John S. Davidson...	Augusta.....	A. M. Wolihin	Macon.
Idaho	John Hunter.....	Boise City.....	Jas. H. Wickersham	Boise City.
Illinois	John M. Pearson...	Godfrey	Loyal L. Munn.....	Chicago.
Indiana	Thos. B. Long.....	Terre Haute..	Wm. H. Smythe.....	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory	Leo E. Bennett.....	Muskoegee...	Jos. S. Murrow.....	Atoka.
Iowa	J. DeK. Gamble.....	Knoxville.....	T. S. Parvin.....	Cedar Rapids.
Kansas	Geo. C. Kenyon.....	Abilene	John H. Brown.....	Kansas City.
Kentucky	James D. Black.....	Barbourville..	Henry B. Grant.....	Louisville.
Louisiana	Chas. F. Buck.....	New Orleans..	J. C. Batchelor.....	New Orleans.
Maine	Albro E. Chase.....	Portland.....	Ira Berry.....	Portland.
Maryland	Thos. J. Shryock...	Baltimore.....	Jac. H. Medairy.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts ..	Henry Endicott.....	Boston	S. D. Nickerson.....	Boston.
Michigan	John S. Cross.....	Bangor	William P. Innes...	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	Jacob A. Kiester....	Blue Earth C.	Thos. Montgomery	St. Paul.
Mississippi	Wm. G. Paxton.....	Vicksburg	J. L. Power.....	Jackson.
Missouri	Theodore Brace.....	Jefferson City	John D. Vincil.....	St. Louis.
Montana	Arthur C. Logan.....	Helena.....	Cornelius Hedges...	Helena.
Nebraska	John J. Mercer.....	Omaha.....	Wm. R. Bowen.....	Omaha.
Nevada	C. W. Hinchcliffe...	Austin.....	C. R. Noteware	Carson City.
New Hampshire ..	Geo. W. Currier....	Nashua.....	George P. Cleaves...	Nashua.
New Jersey	Chas. H. Mann.....	Haddonfield..	Joseph H. Hough...	Trenton.
New Mexico	A. H. Morehead.....	Silver City.....	Alpheus A. Keen....	Las Vegas.
New York	Jno. W. Vrooman...	Herkimer.....	Ed. M. L. Ehlers...	New York.
North Carolina ..	Samuel H. Smith ..	Winston.....	Donald W. Bain.....	Raleigh.
North Dakota ..	James W. Cloes.....	Jamestown...	David S. Dadds.....	Lakota.
Ohio	Leander Burdick...	Toledo	J. H. Bromwell.....	Cincinnati.
Oregon	Christopher Taylor	Dayton	S. F. Chadwick.....	Salem.
Pennsylvania	Clifford P. MacCalla	Philadelphia..	Michael Nisbet.....	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	Wm. N. Ackley.....	Warren	Edwin Baker.....	Providence.
South Carolina ..	R. F. Divver.....	Anderson.....	Chas. Inglesby.....	Charleston.
South Dakota	Geo. V. Ayers.....	Deadwood.....	Chas. T. McCoy.....	Aberdeen.
Tennessee	John T. Williamson	Columbia	John Frizzell.....	Nashville.
Texas	Wm. S. Fly.....	Gonzales.....	Wm. F. Swain.....	Houston.
Utah	Abbot R. Heywood	Ogden	Christopher Diehl...	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	A. A. Hall.....	St. Albans.....	L. M. Read.....	Bellows Falls.
Virginia	R. T. Craighill.....	Lynchburg...	Wm. B. Isaacs.....	Richmond.
Washington	Nathan S. Porter...	Olympia.....	Thos. M. Reed.....	Olympia.
West Virginia	Gustav Brown.....	Charlestown...	Geo. W. Atkinson...	Wheeling.
Wisconsin.....	Myron Reed.....	Wausau.....	Jno. W. Lafin.....	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	Wm. Daley.....	Rawlins.....	Wm. L. Kuykendall	Cheyenne.

APPENDIX J—*Continued.*

FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS.

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND MASTER.	ADDRESS.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Brit. Columbia..	John S. Clute	New W'stm'r	Henry Brown.....	Victoria.
Canada	Richard T. Walkem	Kingston.....	John J. Mason.....	Hamilton, Ont.
England.....	H. R. H., The Prince of Wales.....			
Ireland.....	Duke of Abercorn..		Shadwell H. Clerke	London.
Manitoba	J. D. O'Meara.....	Winnipeg. ..	Samuel B. Oldham..	Dublin.
New Brunswick	Thomas Walker.....	St. John.....	Wm. G. Scott.....	Winnipeg.
New S. Wales...	Harman J. Tarrant..	Sydney.....	Edwin J. Wetmore	St. John.
Nova Scotia....	David C. Moore.....	Stellarton.....	Mark A. Toomey...	Sydney.
Prince Ew'd I'd	Neil McKelvie.....	Summerside..	Hon. William Ross	Halifax.
Quebec.....	Isaac H. Stearns....	Montreal.....	B. Wilson Higgs...	Charlottetown.
Scotland.....	A. C. Campbell.....	Edinburgh.....	John H. Isaacson...	Montreal.
South Australia			D. M. Lyon.....	Edinburgh.
Victoria	David Munroe.....	Melbourne.....	Jas. H. Cunningham	Adelaide.
			David Meadowcroft	Melbourne.

APPENDIX K.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your committee on foreign correspondence herewith submit the following review of the proceedings of other grand lodges with which we are in fraternal communication, all that have been received up to the date of going to press:

ALABAMA, 1889.

The sixty-ninth annual communication was held in Montgomery, Dec. 2d to 4th, M. W. H. H. Brown, Grand Master. Two hundred and nineteen lodges represented; two hundred and eighty-seven upon the roll. Six past grand masters present, including our representative.

Seventeen dispensations issued for new lodges; eight defunct lodges reinstated; one charter surrendered.

Among the decisions reported are the following:

2. A member of a committee to take testimony in a masonic trial has no legal right to enforce in the lodge the collection of fees for services rendered or for oaths administered in the discharge of his duties as such committeeman, though a lodge may pay for such services if it sees fit.

5. A chartered lodge has the right to make, alter, or amend its by-laws, and that without submitting the same to the grand lodge.

11. A mason who treats his wife cruelly or abandons her without good cause is guilty of a masonic offense, and upon the trial of such a case the wife would be a competent witness against the husband.

13. When a warden is definitely suspended his office is not vacated, and when such warden is, by operation of the sentence, reinstated, he is still a warden, and must resume his duty as such.

The deaths of Bros. A. R. Baker, past grand tyler and late grand secretary, and J. W. Dowling, junior grand warden, were announced.

From the conclusion of the annual address we quote as follows:

All things being considered I think I am warranted in reporting to the grand lodge that masonry in Alabama is in a prosperous condition. The large number of new lodges constituted, the same as to defunct lodges reinstated during the past year, and the large and enthusiastic assemblage of masons now before me go to show that our noble order is growing in numbers as well as in interest.

The following unique legislation was adopted:

WHEREAS, At almost every annual communication of this grand lodge amendments to the constitution are proposed, duly received, ordered to be printed with the proceedings, and sent to the subordinate lodges for their action as is required by article eight of said constitution; and

WHEREAS, A large number of the lodges fail to report whether they did or did not vote upon the proposed amendments; therefore be it

Resolved, That in all cases where lodges fail to report action upon proposed amendments, when properly sent to them as required by the constitution, the masters of such lodges shall be summoned to appear before the grand lodge, at its next annual communication, to give their reasons for failing to report their action or non action on the proposed amendments.

As a business proposition would it not be a considerable saving of both time and expense to have their constitution thoroughly revised by a competent committee, and then let it alone for a few years?

A gold watch and chain was presented to Bro. M. J. Greene, past grand master and present grand secretary, as a token of their appreciation of his services in the former capacity.

It is hardly necessary to state that Bro. P. J. Pillans prepared the report on foreign correspondence, or that it is an excellent one; this is expected as a matter of course. Minnesota is fraternally noticed.

The following paragraph is taken from the opening:

A general feeling of harmony prevails save in a few of our more northern and western jurisdictions, where some alarm seems to have been excited by a body of men claiming to be masons and termed Cerneauites. This, doubtless, will prove as ephemeral as several such at-

tempts have already. We are not altogether certain that these little episodes are evils, but are inclined to the opinion that they are beneficial in stirring the true masonic heart so as to quicken its beat and impel it to greater activity.

We received the Alabama proceedings during the recent communication of our grand lodge, and at the close are somewhat hurriedly scanning its pages in order to give our report as far as possible in alphabetical order. The events of the day are fresh in our memory, the eminently sound and dignified report of the special committee, the able debate, the free and unrestricted expression of opinion upon every conceivable side of the question, the formal vote by call of lodges, and when defeated by two to one the manly manner in which the two champions of a defeated cause placed themselves before the altar and publicly renewed their allegiance to ancient craft masonry. It was an occasion long to be remembered, most vividly recalled by the extract above quoted. May it prove prophetic, not only in Minnesota, but throughout the entire masonic world.

M. : W. : H. H. Brown, Birmingham, Grand Master, and R. : W. : M. J. Greene, Montgomery, Grand Secretary, both reëlected; Bro. P. J. Pillans, Belknap, committee on foreign correspondence.

ARIZONA, 1889.

The eighth annual communication was held in Tucson, November 12th to 14th, M. : W. : Morris Goldwater, Grand Master. Six lodges represented; eight upon the roll. One past grand master present. The frontispiece is a portrait of the grand master elect.

The grand master explained the change in place of meeting from Globe to Tucson on account of an Indian outbreak, and supposes it will be called a new prerogative of that office. His action, however, was indorsed and confirmed.

The following pertinent paragraph is taken from the annual address:

As to the non-affiliates, my experience has been that they are seldom worth the trouble taken to induce them to re-enter the lodge. The brother who is able, but not willing to contribute his mite; who does

not willingly share the burdens he voluntarily assumed; who is unable to appreciate the beauties of the lessons taught, is better off outside than in, and is of no use to us inside.

Bro. T. J. Butler was not present, but sent in a very creditable oration, which was read and printed in the proceedings.

The report on correspondence is modestly signed G, on the wrong side of the line; the report itself is all right. Minnesota briefly noticed. We quote the following:

Bro. Pierson thinks that grand representatives should be appointed from the permanent members of a grand lodge, and the strongest point he makes is, "Suppose a companion is sent to one not a member of the grand lodge, could such a party be received as grand representative?" To which we reply, why not? When a grand master recommends an appointment it is presumed he knows the law of his own jurisdiction, and while some grand lodges may have a requirement such as Bro. Pierson suggests, others, Arizona among them, do not.

M. W. G. J. Roskrige, Grand Master, and R. W. J. M. Ormsby, Grand Secretary; both of Tucson. Bro. Morris Goldwater, of Prescott, continued as chairman of the committee on correspondence.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1889.

A special session was held in Vancouver, March 29th and 30th, M. W. A. R. Milne, Grand Master, at which a masonic hall was dedicated, the ritual exemplified, a banquet enjoyed, winding up on the 31st by attending church in a body. The occasion seemed not only pleasant, but eminently profitable.

The eighteenth annual communication was held in Victoria, June 22d and 24th, M. W. A. R. Milne, Grand Master. The ten chartered lodges represented. Five past grand masters present.

Past masters are members of this grand lodge, and it was ruled that the master of a lodge, being also a past master, is entitled to two votes.

From the annual address we quote:

I am once more permitted to congratulate you upon the general prosperity of the fraternity in this jurisdiction. From every quarter the glad tidings come that union and fraternal feeling prevail among us;

that, in a remarkable degree, our brethren have been spared by disease and death; and that among them prosperity, health, and happiness have abounded. No gloom is noted and no contention heard.

Banquets and attendance upon church seem to be a leading feature with our brethren up north; hence they meet on a Saturday and hold over. On St. John's Day the officers were installed, committees announced, etc.

A brief report on foreign correspondence was presented by Bro. J. S. Clute before being called to the grand east. Minnesota for 1888 fraternally noticed.

M. : W. : J. S. Clute, New Westminster, Grand Master; V. : W. : Henry Brown, Victoria, reelected Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA, 1888.

The thirty-ninth annual communication was held in San Francisco, Oct. 9th to 13th, M. : W. : H. N. Rucker, Grand Master. One hundred and ninety-seven lodges represented; two hundred and thirty-six upon the roll. Seven past grand masters present. Our representative at his post in the south-east.

Two dispensations continued and two charters surrendered.

Everybody seems to have brought his name along in full, and about a dozen who had no middle initial were generously supplied with one, the grand secretary printing them in *italics*. This is (1) on Iowa.

The annual address begins with the following:

In the temple erected and dedicated to the goddess Vesta the holy virgins, perpetual in their vigils, kept alive the sacred fire and guarded the Palladium. Annually, in the month of June, a grand festival was celebrated. A procession moved in pomp and splendor, sacrifices were made, and incense was offered up; the occasion being the cleansing and purification of the temple. To us this occasion is the festival of happy reunions; the mingling of greetings and the cultivation of social and fraternal relations.

With added experience and strengthened purpose we catch the inspiration of the past, and crave indulgence from our Supreme Grand Master that we may walk in the sunlight of his truth and love in all our acts and deliberations. To guard the interests of masonry, and to cleanse, purify, and perfect its organization, is the great object that calls us from refreshment to labor in the Grand Lodge of California.

Among the approved decisions were that it would not be proper to confer the degrees upon one subject to epileptic fits; that the master would not be entitled to a casting vote in an election for officers in addition to his own vote; that the correct and exact masonic definition of ballot is a secret vote by balls, cubes, or slips of paper; that the degrees cannot be conferred gratuitously. These seem to be in accordance with their constitution.

The Masonic Board of Relief of the City of San Francisco reported one hundred and thirty-three cases during the year, involving a total expenditure of \$11,241; of this amount \$122.20 was for brethren from Minnesota. There were also reports from five similar bodies, the former being by far the largest. California is broad gauged in many respects other than proper names.

The annual oration was delivered by Bro. T. H. Laine; brief but rather flowery.

Among the pleasing incidents of the session was the presentation of a magnificent silver service to Bro. E. C. Atkinson, past grand master.

A special communication was held in San Francisco, Nov. 4th, for the purpose of attending the funeral of Bro. J. W. Schaefer, for eighteen years grand lecturer of that jurisdiction, and a fitting tribute was paid to his memory.

In an inclosed circular the veteran grand secretary apologizes for the delay in issuing the proceedings by reason of sickness and death in his family (a beloved daughter) and his own greatly broken health. Bro. Abell, by thirty-four years of faithful and untiring service, has greatly endeared himself to the fraternity at large, and their sympathies are heartily extended to him in his sore affliction.

The report on foreign correspondence is by Bro. J. W. Anderson, who devotes several pages to a very flattering review of Bro. Brown's address. By the way, this able paper seems to have been most favorably received by the guild at large.

Under the head of Maryland he objects to an amendment to the effect that no lodge shall elect for its master any other than a warden, past warden, or past master who has served a full term, as restricting the selection to a limited number. Such is the law

here, and it is a very salutary one. We would go even further, and insist that no one should be elected as warden until he had served at least one year as senior deacon. The master should be thoroughly familiar with the duties of every subordinate officer of his lodge, and the practical way to obtain this knowledge is by filling their places himself before becoming eligible to an elective station. The odd fellows, for example, usually require a service of one term as recording secretary as a prerequisite qualification for noble grand; the principle is essentially the same. We draw the line at secretary, for when a lodge gets a good one it should keep him as long as he consents to serve.

M. : W. : M. M. Estee, Napa, Grand Master; V. : W. : A. G. Abell, San Francisco, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. J. W. Anderson, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

CANADA, 1889.

Especial communications were held in Maitland, Aug. 22d, 1888, in Langton, May 22d, 1889, and in Wellington, June 26th, 1889, for the purpose of laying corner stones.

The thirty-fourth annual communication was held in Owen Sound, July 17th and 18th, 1889, M. : W. : R. T. Walkem, Q. C., Grand Master, on the throne. Two hundred and sixty-three lodges represented; three hundred and fifty-four upon the roll. Five past grand masters present; the representative from Minnesota not in attendance.

The grand master announced the rejection of three applications for dispensations to establish new lodges, one of them being from some brethren at Jaffa, in Syria, deeming it inexpedient in the latter case to establish lodges in places where they cannot be efficiently supervised. This view was sustained by the board of general purposes.

Pursuant to resolution of last year a report on foreign correspondence was presented by Bro. Henry Robertson, the first since 1878; Minnesota briefly noticed.

In a supplementary report the committee advised the rejection of an application from a lodge at Hertza, in Roumania, for a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Canada, which was adopted.

The special committee appointed for that purpose reported that they had presented a suitable testimonial to M. : W. : Henry Robertson, past grand master, as directed at the preceding annual communication, accompanied by an engrossed address.

M. : W. : R. T. Walkem, Kingston, Grand Master, and J. J. Mason, Hamilton, Grand Secretary, were both reëlected, and Bro. Henry Robertson continued as committee on foreign correspondence.

COLORADO, 1889.

A special communication was held in Denver, April 8th, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of a masonic temple, at which addresses were delivered by Bro. W. D. Todd, grand master, and Bro. H. P. H. Bromwell, past grand master of Illinois.

The twenty-ninth annual communication was held in Denver, Sept. 17th and 18th, M. : W. : W. D. Todd, Grand Master. Sixty-one lodges represented; sixty-four upon the roll. Sixteen past grand masters present, including our representative.

Four dispensations for new lodges were issued during the year.

Bro. J. W. Sleeper delivered an excellent oration, which was printed in full.

Bro. H. P. H. Bromwell was elected an honorary member of the grand lodge.

The sum of \$5,000 was appropriated to aid in furnishing the rooms of the masonic temple at Denver.

The committee on jurisprudence reported that an objection by a member in good standing to the initiation of an elected candidate has the same effect as an unfavorable ballot, and that an objection to the advancement of a brother stops all further proceedings until withdrawn or otherwise disposed of or the objector's membership ceases, which were adopted.

The committee appointed last year upon the matter of masonic pall bearers reported in substance that they are necessary auxiliaries to the ceremony, and that it would be fully as proper to permit a profane to act as worshipful master as a pall bearer, which was adopted.

The minority report of the special committee upon masonic bodies was adopted as follows:

Your committee recognizes and emphatically declare the unqualified power of this grand lodge, as the sovereign and supreme masonic authority in this state, to decide what bodies are and what are not masonic bodies, the question of exercising that power is therefore a question of policy only.

At the last session of this grand lodge it placed on record a resolution declaring what degrees in masonry it will recognize, and your committee are of the opinion that no *so-called* masonic bodies, other than those mentioned in that resolution, can be considered in any sense masonic bodies in this state. *

Your committee are of the opinion that that resolution should be sufficient to prevent any good masons paying allegiance to this grand lodge from hereafter becoming members of any bodies claiming to be masonic other than those mentioned in that resolution.

The report on foreign correspondence was presented by Bro. L. N. Greenleaf; Minnesota being handsomely noticed.

M. : W. : W. T. Bridwell, Cañon City, Grand Master; R. : W. : E. C. Parmelee, Pueblo, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. L. N. Greenleaf, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

CONNECTICUT, 1889.

An emergent communication was held in Waterbury, Nov. 20th, 1888, for the purpose of dedicating a masonic temple, at which Bro. Nathan Dikeman, past grand sentinel, delivered a valuable historical address appertaining to the fraternity of that town. By the way, the brother is our representative from Minnesota. There was also an address by the Rev. J. W. Richardson and a banquet.

The one hundred and first annual communication was held in New Haven, Jan. 16th and 17th, 1889, M. : W. : J. W. Mix, Grand Master. All of the one hundred and ten lodges represented. Ten past grand masters present. Our representative responded at roll call.

The grand master pointedly observes that if the brethren, and especially the masters of lodges, would more carefully study the constitution and by-laws it would relieve that office of much of the labor now devolving upon it. So mote it be.

The grand secretary congratulates the brethren upon all of the returns being in and dues paid at the close of the session.

A committee of twelve was appointed to arrange for the centennial celebration of the grand lodge at New Haven, July 10th, 1889, \$3,000 being appropriated to defray the expenses.

The report on masonic correspondence was prepared by Bro. J. K. Wheeler as usual. Minnesota has a page.

M. : W. : J. H. Swartwout, Stamford, Grand Master; R. : W. : J. K. Wheeler, Hartford, reelected Grand Secretary, and is continued as committee on masonic correspondence.

A separate pamphlet gives the proceedings of a special communication held in Hartford, May 8th, 1889, at which the charter of Hiram Lodge No. 1 was restored upon petition signed by two hundred and four members. There were but two dissenting votes. The brethren of that jurisdiction are receiving many congratulations upon the happy termination of their dissensions. Eight expelled members petitioned for restoration, the matter being laid over until the next annual.

The same pamphlet contains the proceedings of two emergent communications for the purpose of dedicating a hall and laying the corner stone of another.

DAKOTA, 1889.

The fifteenth annual communication was held in Mitchell, June 11th to 13th, M. : W. : J. Q. A. Braden, Grand Master. Eighty-five lodges represented; one hundred and three upon the roll. Five past grand masters, including our representative, present.

Five dispensations for new lodges were issued during the year, and one charter arrested.

Among the decisions was one to the effect that a man having lost the sight of an eye, the other being good, is not eligible to receive the degrees in that jurisdiction. The grand master stated that he made it reluctantly, contrary to his own opinion, and only because it had been twice passed upon before. He believed that a reversal of the decision would place them in harmony with a large majority of the grand lodges on this continent. The com-

mittee on jurisprudence recommended that it be sustained, but upon a vote by call of lodges the decision was not approved. This reminds us of a similar scene in our own grand lodge in 1877, his brother, the lamented J. C. Braden, presiding. The latter thanked the brethren for overruling the report of the committee on jurisprudence, dryly remarking that he could see out of but one eye himself. Dakota is now in accord with Minnesota so far as eyesight is concerned.

The original petition for St. John's Lodge at Yankton, the first lodge in the territory, was transmitted to the grand lodge by Bro. T. S. Parvin, grand secretary of Iowa, and a special committee of five drafted an appropriate acknowledgment of the gift.

The committee appointed at the last annual communication to investigate the status of what is commonly called the Cerneau rite reported that the field had been occupied by the Southern Jurisdiction since 1882, and therefore the former has and can have no legal status or standing in the jurisdiction. This action was supplemented by the further adoption of the following:

WHEREAS, This grand lodge has declared that the "Supreme Council of A. and A. S. Rite for the United States of America, their territories and dependencies," known as the Cerneau body of that rite, has no legal status in this jurisdiction, therefore

Resolved, That said Cerneau body of the A. and A. S. Rite and its consistories and subordinate bodies are hereby prohibited from occupying or doing work in this jurisdiction, and all master masons in the jurisdiction of this grand lodge are hereby prohibited from conferring, communicating, taking, or receiving any of the degrees of said Cerneau body of the A. and A. S. Rite.

Resolved, That the most worshipful grand master is requested to issue a letter at an early date, addressed to the masters of the several subordinate lodges, embodying these resolutions, warning the brethren against the said Cerneau organizations; and that he send two copies of said letter to the master of each subordinate lodge, with the direction that one of said copies shall be read in open lodge and filed in its archives, and that the other copy shall be posted up in a conspicuous place in the ante-room.

There seems to be no uncertain sound in the admonitions thus promulgated.

The question of division having been broached by reason of the near approach of statehood the new Grand Lodge of North

Dakota was formally recognized and the right hand of fellowship extended to the infant sister; its grand officers installed after their own, and \$1,530.26 voted as an equitable share of the property. An amendment was proposed to the constitution prefixing the word South to the title of the parent grand lodge, to be acted upon next year.

The report on foreign correspondence is by Bro. F. J. Thompson, Minnesota being very handsomely noticed. He appears to be quite an original, but as he now belongs to North Dakota and headed for the grand east this will probably be his last, for the present at least.

Under the head of Maine he observes:

Maine stands among the leading grand lodges for influence in things masonic. Her reports are as eagerly read as any in the world. And why? because she is fortunate in having a master mind for a reporter on correspondence. The fact reveals to us that one *level-headed* reporter on correspondence does more to mould masonic legislation, does more to educate the mind in all matters pertaining to masonry than a dozen grand masters with all their powers and prerogatives and eclat which surround that distinguished office.

M. . W. . G. V. Ayers, Deadwood, Grand Master; R. . W. . C. T. McCoy, Aberdeen, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. William Blatt, Yankton, chairman of committee on foreign correspondence.

DELAWARE, 1889.

Two special communications were held for the purpose of dedicating masonic halls and one for laying the corner stone of a hospital.

The eighty-third annual communication was held in Washington, Oct. 2d and 3d, M. . W. . J. S. Dobb, Grand Master. The twenty-one lodges all represented. Four past grand masters present, our representative absent.

The deaths of Bros. E. J. Horner and J. R. McFee, past grand masters, were announced.

The following extract is taken from the annual address:

I timed my visits to a majority of the subordinate lodges so as to witness them conferring the degrees; nearly all did their work well, but I

think I can safely say that if you take any number of lodges, say twelve, you will witness twelve different kinds of work. I declined on a number of occasions to do the work, because, as I stated at the time, I could only give them my work, which has never been and is not the authorized work of this jurisdiction.

Like my predecessors I think this is to be deplored, and further I think it a shame, and does not speak well for the jurisdiction, which being so small, with only twenty-one active lodges, that we do not have a uniform work. Even in this city containing six lodges, all meeting in the same room, no two work alike.

A communication from the so-called Cerneau body was referred to the committee on foreign correspondence, who reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Delaware declines the discussion or consideration of any questions relating to the rival claims of the different contending bodies of the Scottish Rite.

A brief report on foreign correspondence was submitted by Bro. L. H. Jackson, Minnesota fraternally noticed.

M. : W. : J. S. Dobb, Grand Master, and R. : W. : W. S. Hayes Grand Secretary, reëlected; Bro. L. H. Jackson, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence; all of Wilmington.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1888.

Several special communications were held during the year for various purposes, at one of which, for laying the corner stone of the cathedral under construction by the brethren of the Southern Jurisdiction, A. : and A. : S. : Rite, Bro. Albert Pike, grand commander, delivered an eloquent oration.

The annual communication was held in Washington, Nov 14th, M. : W. : J. W. Lee, jr., Grand Master. The twenty-one lodges all represented. Seven past grand masters and our representative present.

The report on foreign correspondence is by the veteran W. R. Singleton, Minnesota being briefly noticed.

Under the head of Connecticut he says:

At four different times he had publicly installed the officers of lodges, thus keeping up the old and agreeable practice, now condemned by those who cannot appreciate the real benefits derived by the institution in making known to the public what are the principles by which masons

are to be governed. If any harm ever grew out of the custom we earnestly beg the opponents to point them out; not to condemn the good old custom, because it is not in accordance with their secretiveness.

Installation ceremonies are not a part of ancient masonry, consequently, and as every part is printed and may be read by any one, what reason can there be assigned that it should not be done in public?

The grand representatives are touched up as follows, under the head of Delaware:

The present state of masonry throughout the world among grand lodges is such that there is very little occasion to employ the services of a grand representative. To abolish the system would not meet the views of a majority of those who *operate* our grand lodges. It does no one any harm, it serves to honor distinguished brethren, and is, in our judgment, a graceful way of holding *official* relations with foreign grand bodies. If some one or *more* will arise and clearly set forth how the *corps* can be made more useful we shall be much obliged for the information.

M. : W. : Harrison Dingman, Grand Master; R. : W. : W. R. Singleton reëlected Grand Secretary; both of Washington. The latter is also chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

FLORIDA, 1889.

The sixtieth annual communication was held in Jacksonville, Jan. 15th to 17th, M. : W. : N. R. Carter, Grand Master. Eighty-one lodges represented; one hundred and seven upon the roll. Six past grand masters present.

Eight dispensations for new lodges.

Among the decisions was the following, to which no allusion was made by the committee on jurisprudence:

In the absence of authority or precedent, I venture to suggest that the proper position for a lodge chaplain is to the left and in front of the worshipful master; corresponding to that of grand marshal in grand lodge.

Would not a seat upon the dais, at the right and a little in the rear of the master, be still more appropriate? It seems so to us, precedent or no precedent.

The masonic relief committee reported \$21,340.14 contributed by thirty-eight grand jurisdictions during the yellow fever epi-

demic of 1888. Minnesota is fourth upon the list, with \$1,397.50 to our credit. The report closes with the following paragraph:

To our brethren throughout this broad land our hearts turn, filled with gratitude and thanksgiving, uniting in the prayer that we have heard so often from pallid lips and broken hearts, "God bless the masons."

The following wholesome legislation was enacted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this grand lodge that all addresses, reports, and other documents, whether in the hands of committees or grand officers, are the property of this grand lodge, and should not be made public unless the consent of the grand lodge has first been obtained.

The committee appointed last year to ascertain by correspondence with grand secretaries the prevailing laws and usages in reference to the rights and duties of a visiting mason to ask for a sight of the lodge charter reported that eleven jurisdictions besides their own require it, twenty-five have no regulation on the subject, seven have no law or ruling in which the exhibition of the charter is sanctioned by custom, two forbid the removal of the charter from an open lodge under any circumstances, and two not heard from. As a result of this exhaustive investigation the general regulations were amended to read as follows:

A visiting brother, before submitting to an examination, has a right to demand sight of the charter of the lodge, but is not required to do so if he is fully satisfied, by other means, of the regularity of the lodge which he desires to visit.

Our individual committee experience in this direction during the past quarter of a century has been considerable and varied. The charter is always fraternally shown when asked for, which is rarely the case, but the subsequent proceedings are inclined to be a little more thorough and technical in such instances. Bro. Thompson, of Dakota, says "if the visitor has any doubts he needn't visit," and we agree with him.

The committee on work recommended the Sickels Monitor for adoption and use by the subordinate lodges in that jurisdiction, and the grand secretary was instructed to issue a circular to that effect.

The session closed with a banquet at the leading hotel, a brief account being evidently written by one of the participants before the morning headache. Like the climatic surroundings, it is somewhat flowery.

Bro. D. C. Dawkins writes the report on foreign correspondence as a matter of course, and it is a very readable one. Minnesota receives a little more than a page, chiefly devoted to the annual address of 1888. He agrees with it in deprecating the negligent custom of not inviting past masters to the east, in the matter of official correspondence, and on temperance, but says the grand master "worries himself through three or four pages upon a question of restoration, which we think a simple subject."

Of California he says:

The Golden State produced a book of four hundred and thirty-five pages, in which is printed the proceedings, tabular matter, and the names of its nearly fifteen thousand worthy masons. Like Old Kentucky, it will print their names if it takes all summer, even if tramps do thereby have a good opportunity to personate good men, and thus prey upon others.

The following extract might reasonably apply to several other jurisdictions than the one called right out in meeting:

The venerable grand lodge of Kentucky is being troubled by the saloonkeeper hobby, but guess she will be able to stand firm on the old cardinal virtue definition. It seems to be a peculiar freak in human nature that when a man who has been taking too much takes a notion to quit and be a teetotaler, he wants to compel everybody else to do like him. "How about the fox getting his tail cut?"

M. : W. : H. W. Long, Martel, Grand Master; M. : W. : D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville, reëlected Grand Secretary, and continued at the head of the committee on foreign correspondence.

IDAHO, 1889.

The twenty-second annual communication was held in Boise City, Sept. 10th to 12th, M. : W. : John Hunter, Grand Master. Eighteen lodges represented; nineteen upon the roll. Seven past grand masters present. Our representative absent.

The grand secretary presented an elaborate report of nine pages in small type, covering every matter of interest in the jurisdiction,

which was referred to a special committee for distribution and reference like a grand master's address.

To check the growing evil of non-affiliation, legislation was introduced in substance that no resident member can receive a dimit until he has consummated membership in another lodge. Action was deferred until another year.

The statistical tables are unusually complete, containing much valuable information not generally found in appendices.

Bro. C. C. Stevenson is grand lecturer and also chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence. His report is an able one; Minnesota duly noticed.

The following is taken from the introductory chapter:

We have quoted largely solely for the benefit of our own brethren, who in this way only ascertain what is going on around them. We have antagonized the anti-retail saloon legislation now so prevalent, and in proper places have given our reasons. We are in favor of conviviality to a certain degree prescribed by the boundaries of the cardinal virtues, particularly temperance. To our mind—we may be wrong—it appears that where the modern straight-laced, revived puritan notions prevail, *there* there is a lack of masonic interest, a very small attendance—like in Missouri, who has to keep up her enthusiasm by the aid of ten or twelve grand chaplains—and a gradual falling off from the grand, pure principles of ancient craft masonry.

The Connecticut unpleasantness and its happy termination are touched up as follows:

So ends a big row, and the members of Hiram Lodge No. 1 are again recognized as masons in Connecticut; but how will they be treated in those other grand jurisdictions which rushed with such headlong speed into non-intercourse with them? The edicts cannot be withdrawn until the grand lodges meet, and until that time the Hiram Lodge members are shut out, notwithstanding the fact that they are all O. K. at home. We hope that this will teach the grand lodges to let the mother grand lodge control and discipline her own children.

The following retort is worked in upon Bro. Singleton, of the District of Columbia:

Masons should trust in God, believe the Bible, and practice the teachings of the craft. What more can you expect? We cannot see how masonry can be construed to be a religion. To our mind it is higher and grander and purer than any religion that was ever invented. If a man believes in God, obeys his word, and lives up to the lessons taught in

the degrees we think that he has a pretty good chance of going to the right place, even if he never heard of the New Testament or any of the christian religions.

Under the head of Iowa he says:

The Cerneau rite has not invaded Idaho; but if it should we believe in adopting the most extreme measures to check its advance.

The following pertinent advice is tendered to Mississippi:

We would advise all masonic saloonkeepers to become wholesalers or druggists. It will do no harm to sell whisky by the gallon or barrel, but the danger lies in selling in small quantities. The smaller the drink the greater the danger.

The following slap at Missouri will be appreciated in many jurisdictions outside the Gem of the Mountains:

There is too much christianity, fanaticism, and intolerance getting into masonic lodges nowadays, and the result is a weakening of the craft throughout the land. If preachers and church members want to become masons, let them leave their creeds and prayer books and prejudices and bigotries and narrow minded notions outside of our lodge portals. Masonry is too grand and broad for any such contractions of intellect. In some degree that kind of people is worse than the saloonkeeper, or at any rate nearly as bad. They kill the institution by "dry as dust," while the saloonkeeper drowns it.

M. : W. : G. L. Shoup, Grand Master; R. : W. : J. H. Wickersham reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. C. C. Stevenson, chairman of the committee on correspondence; all of Boise City.

ILLINOIS, 1889.

An emergent communication was held in Bloomington, Sept. 6th, for the purpose of paying the last sad tribute of respect to the memory of Bro. A. T. Darrah, past grand master. A fine portrait of the distinguished craftsman is given as a frontispiece to the proceedings.

The fiftieth annual communication was held in Chicago, Oct. 1st to 3d, M. : W. : J. C. Smith, Grand Master. Six hundred and thirty-one lodges represented; six hundred and eighty-one upon the roll. Six past grand masters and a number of grand officers from other jurisdictions present. Our representative absent.

Seven dispensations for new lodges issued, four charters surrendered, two charters arrested, two lodges consolidated.

The annual address is preëminently a business document, just what one might expect from the grand master's portrait, with its original placed in so extensive a field of operations. Among other things he announces that when the present grand secretary was first elected there were no Illinois proceedings in the office prior to 1870, but by his untiring industry a full set has been collected, with the exception of 1840, 1841, 1842, and 1844. These years have been borrowed from the grand lodge library of New York, for which typewritten copies have been made. We could tell him where 1846 and 1857 came from, and that the donation to their archives has never been regretted.

At high twelve of the second day the capestone of the Auditorium was laid in due and ancient form, with a brief address by the mayor, who is also a past grand master. This was followed by an elaborate oration at the armory of the Second Regiment by Bro. G. C. Lorimer, and a banquet. The *menu* was fairly eclipsed by the subsequent intellectual feast, a full report of which is given in the current proceedings. It was truly an event of a lifetime, and the writer sincerely regretted that his brief holiday had been spent elsewhere before the kind invitation was received.

A portrait of Bro. L. L. Munn, the grand secretary who gets out a pamphlet of four or five hundred pages in six days from the close of the grand lodge, faces the official attestation of their labors. No wonder that vegetation is somewhat scanty upon the apex of his pleasant countenance; it's a greater wonder that he has any left at all.

Bro. Joseph Robbins again presents the report on masonic correspondence. Minnesota is noticed at considerable length, with numerous quotations from Bro. Pierson's last report. He presumes, judging from the portraits, that there is an unwritten law here as in Montana, that "only fine, striking looking men shall be grand masters." Just wait until you see a few more of them and then you will know it to be a fact instead of mere presumption.

The learned brother objects to our occasional practice of authorizing some one to cast the ballot for grand treasurer and grand secretary, and thinks that even when officers are thus chosen that

the records should only show that they were unanimously elected, not how the ballot was cast. This is our idea exactly; it was not strictly masonic, but in view of the compliment intended not a single objection was interposed.

The A. : and A. : S. : Rite seems to be a burr in Bro. Robbins' sandal, and he omits no opportunity in or out of season to wreak vengeance upon the jurisdictions which have already pronounced judgment against the alleged Cerneau body. Can it be possible that at some time or other he has himself sought after the unattainable? Pardon the insinuation; if it is unkind, and it probably is, it was arrived at by reading only as far as Colorado, and what there is to follow, but we'll not anticipate. It is to be regretted that such an able and exhaustive report should be marred by so much bitterness. His grand lodge having declared that it knows nothing of other so-called masonic bodies, and that they are not proper matters for its discussion, ought to settle the question so far as Illinois is concerned.

The retiring grand master also took a hand in as follows:

We desire to say that the committee on correspondence does not voice the sentiment of this grand lodge upon all subjects, and particularly as to this Scottish Rite matter. Speaking from a personal knowledge of the facts, we know his premises are false and have no foundation in fact. If it be said that these reports on correspondence "express nobody's views but the author's," and are not "intended in any way to commit the grand lodge," then they fail to serve the purpose for which intended and ought to be abolished. Grand lodges ought not to incur the cost of printing the idiosyncrasies and dogmatic views of any committee the reports from which are not in consonance with sentiment of grand lodge and not subject to review and action of same.

With such a thrust between the ribs we would feel justified in falling back upon the always safe topics of the crops and the weather.

The past master's degree is another fruitful theme, with more excuse for reiteration as quite a number of our sister grand lodges hold that it has no rightful place in masonry. We have an opinion upon the subject, but as our grand lodge declared thirty-four years ago that in *its* opinion the degree rightfully belongs to the master of a lodge, and without it he cannot efficiently discharge the duties of his office, the matter is not deemed a proper one for the consideration of this committee.

M. . W. . J. M. Pearson, Godfrey, Grand Master; R. . W. . L. L. Munn, Freeport, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. Joseph Robbins, Quincy, committee on masonic correspondence.

INDIANA, 1889.

The sixty-eighth stated meeting was held in Indianapolis, May 28th and 29th, M. . W. . I. P. Leyden, Grand Master. Four hundred and fifty-eight lodges represented; four hundred and sixty-five upon the roll. Twelve past grand masters present, including our representative.

Two dispensations for new lodges; one charter arrested; four lodges consolidated.

The death of Bro. A. P. Charles, past grand master, was announced.

In lieu of decisions the grand master reported as follows:

I have received numerous questions during the year, both from individuals and from lodges, nearly all of which have been answered by simply referring the questioner to the rules of the grand lodge. I think a little more careful study of our laws by worshipful masters of lodges would save them a great deal of trouble, and be more satisfactory to their lodges. None of the decisions I have made are of much importance, and as all seem to have proven satisfactory to the interrogators, and no appeals taken, I deem it unnecessary to burthen your records with a repetition of them here.

If every grand master pursued this very sensible plan there would be a large decrease in the annual harvest of chestnuts.

The report on correspondence was presented by Bro. S. S. Johnson. Minnesota for 1888 and 1889 is noticed at considerable length, four pages being devoted to Bro. Brown's address.

The following paragraph appears under the head of Louisiana, but Missouri would have been a more suitable place for it:

Some theological questions are discussed extensively, but we do not think the general reader in Indiana cares to have it rehashed here. In Indiana we pay men to thunder theology at us once a week, if not oftener, and as each pays his money he takes his choice of the doctrines taught.

M. . W. . T. B. Long, Terre Haute, Grand Master; R. . W. . W. H. Smythe, Indianapolis, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. S. S. Johnson, Jeffersonville, chairman of committee on correspondence.

INDIAN TERRITORY, 1889.

A special communication was held in Muskogee, June 24th, for laying a corner stone, with an appropriate oration by the senior grand warden.

The fifteenth annual communication was held in Purcell, Nov. 5th and 6th, M. W. John Rennie, Grand Master. Twenty-seven lodges represented; twenty-nine upon the roll. Three past grand masters present.

Seven dispensations issued for new lodges. Decisions of local interest only. The grand treasurer failed to put in an appearance or send a report, and a committee was appointed to make a settlement with him. This is really too bad after a service of nine years in that position. The death of the grand tyler was announced.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That every entered apprentice shall serve at least one lunar month before being passed to the degree of fellow craft, and every fellow craft shall labor at least one lunar month before being raised to the degree of master mason, except by a dispensation from the grand master.

The report on correspondence is a tripartite affair, the work of the grand master, the senior grand warden, and the grand secretary. Minnesota briefly noticed.

After noting the observance of Sunday by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia the committee observes, "what a travesty on christianity." It did not so occur to us, and our glasses are neither blue nor smoked.

Under the head of California they say:

Faithful services are appreciated in California. We know an old mason who served his lodge faithfully and laboriously for many years and who was never remembered by the gift of even an apron or past master's jewel, who also served the grand lodge as grand master for two years, rescuing it from repudiation by other grand bodies and from internal strife and sedition, establishing it upon a sound and solid basis, and maintained its good character for years, but who has never been remembered by the gift of anything.

This is indeed hard, but as a sufficient number of decorations were ordered by the grand lodge his reward will speedily follow, and doubtless be all the sweeter for the delay.

The following is taken from a lengthy discussion under the head of Oregon:

Cerneauism, that source of trouble in so many jurisdictions, ought to be dealt its death wound in all the grand lodges. It will require heroic treatment, but the sooner it gets it the better.

M. : W. : L. E. Bennett, Muskogee, Grand Master; R. : W. : J. S. Murrow reëlected Grand Secretary, and chairman of the committee on correspondence.

IOWA, 1889.

The forty-sixth annual communication was held in Sioux City, June 4th to 6th, M. : W. : E. C. Blackmar, Grand Master. Three hundred and seventy-eight lodges represented; four hundred and thirty-five upon the roll. Seven past grand masters present, including our representative.

Seven dispensations for new lodges issued; four lodges consolidated into two; two charters surrendered.

The grand secretary in his report as librarian schedules a large number of accessions to their famous collection, one of the best in this or any other country. Pardon the suggestion, however, but it would seem that quite a proportion of the list is entirely out of place in a *masonic* library. At any rate we would draw the line at a patent medicine almanac or an emigration pamphlet, even if donated. We also fail to see the propriety of including sets of state and national documents, county histories, and similar publications. These and the museum more properly belong to an historical society. One would scarcely expect to find treatises on medicine or theology in a law library, then why should the grand lodge buy an illustrated work on birds for its shelves, unless symbolical of its own migratory condition? These criticisms are noted in the utmost kindness. We have a deep and lasting regard for the fraternity across the line, still we naturally look at such matters from a collector's standpoint. Besides the special donation of complete files of their state documents and other valuable reports, very many of which could not now be duplicated, Bro. Parvin also tendered his unique collection of auto-

graph letters, the result of fifty years of labor, and \$125 was appropriated to purchase a suitable case for the latter. It is presumed to be the largest and rarest in the country, and never should be broken or placed upon the market.

Among the distinguished visitors was Bro. L. D. Boyington, our grand chaplain, who received a cordial welcome.

The special committee upon the so-called Cerneau rite were of the unanimous opinion that under their constitution the grand lodge has the undoubted power and the right to legislate upon the question, and after stating the case fairly and fully, together with the action had in other jurisdictions, submitted a series of resolutions renewing its recognition of the Southern Jurisdiction as being entitled to exclusive jurisdiction in that state; refusing to recognize the Cerneau body, and denying its right to occupy the territory of the former; prohibiting said body and its subordinates from doing work, and all master masons from conferring, communicating, taking, or receiving its degrees; requiring all master masons to withdraw from that body before the next annual communication; the grand master to issue his edict to enforce the resolutions; directing the committee on jurisprudence to report such further legislation as may be necessary to enforce this action and discipline such brethren as refuse to obey it. The resolutions were adopted by a vote of five hundred and eighty-seven to three hundred and forty-three.

The report on fraternal correspondence was submitted by Bro. T. S. Parvin. Minnesota receives several pages, largely devoted to the annual address. He takes exceptions to one statement, and thinks that a grand master should not hesitate to decide contrary to the opinion of a predecessor if not in accordance with his own convictions of right and duty.

Owing to other pressing duties the review is confined to the proceedings proper of other grand lodges, omitting nearly all reference to the correspondence.

Under the head of Kentucky is given an exhaustive article upon the genealogy of seventeen grand lodges, evincing much labor and patient research, and correcting the erroneous pretensions of the former as being the grandmother of all of them. Its claim

upon Minnesota is that Illinois was one of her daughters, and the latter had a chartered lodge here at the organization of our grand lodge. But Illinois was organized with four lodges from Missouri and only two from Kentucky, hence the blue grass blood was considerably tainted before it reached the Falls of St. Anthony and the hall of Cataract Lodge. Pedigrees must state facts to render them of any particular value.

The report closes with interesting papers upon ancient landmarks, rights of lodges under dispensation, right of visitation, rights of instruction, non-affiliation, right of masonic burial, and Cerneau masonic bodies, written in the peculiar style of the learned brother.

The biographical sketches are those of Rob Morris, past grand master of Kentucky, and Dr. Berryman Jennings, first grand master of Oregon, with portraits.

M. : W. : J. D. Gamble, Knoxville, Grand Master; R. : W. : T. S. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, reelected Grand Secretary, and is also the committee on fraternal correspondence.

KANSAS, 1889.

The thirty-third annual communication was held in Wichita, Feb. 20th and 21st, M. : W. : W. M. Lamb, Grand Master. Two hundred and forty-five lodges represented; three hundred and twenty-two on the roll. Five past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Seventeen dispensations for new lodges issued; one charter surrendered.

The death of Bro. Daniel Vanderslice, the first junior grand warden, was announced at the advanced age of ninety years.

Among the approved decisions were the following:

9. An elective officer of a lodge, having removed permanently from this grand jurisdiction, may be dimitted therefrom.

11. A master mason in good standing, though a non-affiliate, must be admitted as the advocate of a brother on trial before a lodge.

17. A lodge must be opened on the first degree for installation of its officers.

Such legislation reads strangely in Minnesota, although good law in Kansas.

Considerable space is given in the annual address to the subject of schools of instruction, an assistant lecturer having been appointed for each judicial district, at a total cost of \$1,142.64 for the twenty-seven reporting. The grand master was of the opinion that the benefits are largely exceeded by the expense, and recommended a return to the grand lecturer system. The matter was recommitted to the committee on jurisprudence for future action.

The grand secretary states in his report that the reprint of their proceedings from 1855 to 1865 inclusive is well under way, welcome news to those of us who have been so long trying to find a missing pamphlet or two in order to complete our files. If it is in fact as well as in name a reprint, not a compilation, it will be an important acquisition to the masonic libraries of the country. The early proceedings of Kansas are about as scarce as our own, but then we had a fire in 1868 in addition to other casualties and calamities.

An able oration was delivered by Bro. S. C. Busser.

The report of the committee on fraternal correspondence was presented by Bro. J. H. Brown, Minnesota being handsomely noticed. It is his seventeenth annual, and a production creditable alike to the author and to his grand lodge. The latter manifested its appreciation of his labors in the south-east by fixing his salary at \$1,800, an increase of fifty per cent.

M. : W. : G. C. Kenyon, Abilene, Grand Master; R. : W. : J. H. Brown, Kansas City, reëlected Grand Secretary, and also continued as chairman of the committee on correspondence.

LOUISIANA, 1889.

The seventy-seventh annual communication was held in New Orleans, Feb. 11th to 13th, M. : W. : C. F. Buck, Grand Master. Fifty-nine lodges represented; one hundred and thirty on the roll. Seven past grand masters present. Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows, our representative, was sick and obliged to leave.

Three dispensations for new lodges; two lodges consolidated.

The following is one of the decisions reported:

4. In several lodges the question of the right of an officer installed to resign was agitated. The rule is well settled, and the principle ought to be well known, that, whatever may be said in regard to the minor positions, a worshipful master or warden, installed, cannot resign to the lodge. It is a question whether it can be done at all, but custom and precedent seem to recognize that the grand master may accept such resignation, or authorize the lodge to do so and elect a successor. I have followed this rule.

This is still another phase of the prerogative question, and suggests the pertinent inquiry whether the grand master is higher authority than the constitution? If he is in all things what need of the latter at all?

The report of Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1 gives an expenditure of \$8 to applicants from Minnesota.

The report on foreign correspondence is the handiwork of Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows. Following his custom of the two preceding years it is divided into topics, the different states being only mentioned as their proceedings contain something germane to the subject. Minnesota is unnoticed.

M. W. C. F. Buck, Grand Master, and R. W. J. C. Batchelor, Grand Secretary, both reelected; M. W. J. Q. A. Fellows, chairman of committee on foreign correspondence; all of New Orleans.

MAINE, 1889.

The seventieth annual communication was held in Portland, May 7th to 9th, M. W. F. E. Sleeper, Grand Master. One hundred and sixty-two lodges represented; one hundred and eighty-nine on the roll. Nine grand masters present; our representative absent.

The frontispiece is a steel engraving of Bro. Oliver Gerrish, taken at the age of ninety-one. The venerable brother was made a mason in 1816; was past junior grand warden, serving on the finance committee of the grand lodge twenty-seven consecutive years and up to 1888; was grand high priest three years and grand treasurer of the grand chapter thirty-four years; was grand master of the grand council; was president of the council of the

order of high priesthood from 1862 to his death, Dec. 3d, 1888, aged ninety-two years and eleven months. Such a masonic record is almost without a parallel.

Two lodges consolidated.

Among the decisions is noted the following:

The tyler being placed outside the door is not properly present. But at elections and upon applications he should, if a member, have an opportunity to ballot if he desires, the master ordering some other brother to tyle for him while he is within the lodge for that purpose.

Bro. J. H. Drummond of course prepared the report on foreign correspondence; Minnesota fraternally noticed. Of Bro. T. G. Crump's oration he says:

The oration is well worth the attention of the masonic reader; we have rarely met one so appropriate to a masonic occasion, or one in which masonic symbolism is so well illustrated.

Under the head of Dakota he says:

It may be that there are junior wardens who can hear the story of the accuser, draw the charges, produce the testimony, and aid the prosecution, and yet render an impartial verdict, *but they do not grow in Maine*, and that fact is sufficient for us.

From the above one would infer that the junior warden in that jurisdiction should be a full fledged attorney in addition to other qualifications. We do things quite differently. The warden is not required to formulate the charges, but is merely the medium through which they are officially presented to the lodge, and, as he has nothing to do with the trial any more than a member upon the floor, he therefore, if present, cannot be excused from voting. Masonic trials with us are conducted by a committee, selected by the master for that purpose.

Under the head of Pennsylvania is found the following:

If a man petitions a lodge, paying the required fee, and the lodge refers it to a committee and then, upon their report, the lodge ballots and elects the candidate, and he then changes his mind and declines to go further, has he any *just* claim to receive his money back? Would not that open a door to trifling with the lodge, by trying the experiment whether one could be admitted?

The following paragraph is given under the head of Virginia:

In view of the well known fact that formerly lodges used to confer the degrees up to and including the royal arch, and that the grand lodge of

Pennsylvania controlled the chapter degrees down to 1824, we have deemed the conundrum which some of the brethren have asked, "what can a grand lodge know of the higher degrees?" not worth the space required for the shortest kind of an answer.

M. : W. : A. E. Chase, Grand Master; R. : W. : Ira Berry reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. J. H. Drummond chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence; all of Portland.

MANITOBA, 1889.

The fourteenth annual communication was held in Winnipeg, Feb. 13th and 14th, R. : W. : J. A. Ovas, Deputy Grand Master. Thirty-four lodges represented; forty upon the roll. Two past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Two dispensations for new lodges; one charter surrendered and one arrested.

The following is one of the decisions reported by the grand master, who was unable to be present:

1. In opening and closing a lodge of master masons it is necessary to open in full in the three degrees; but in closing I see no objection to closing in the third and second degrees in short form and in *full* on the first degree.

An amendment to the general regulations prohibiting lodges from having intoxicating liquors in the lodge rooms or ante rooms appertaining thereto was laid on the table to be read six months thereafter.

The constitution was amended changing the date of the annual communication from February to June.

Bro. L. D. Boynton, our grand chaplain, was introduced and received with the grand honors. The minutes state that "the distinguished visitor acknowledged the compliment paid him in eloquent terms."

No report on foreign correspondence.

R. : W. : Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara, Grand Master; R. : W. : W. G. Scott, reëlected Grand Secretary; both of Winnipeg.

MARYLAND, 1888.

The one hundred and second annual communication was held in Baltimore, Nov. 20th and 21st, M. . W. . T. J. Shryock, Grand Master. Seventy-five lodges represented; eighty-three upon the roll. Four past grand masters and our representative present.

It being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the grand secretary's election to the office which he has filled so long and so well, Bro. Medairy presented an interesting history of the grand lodge during that eventful period. After which a loving cup was started around the lodge, finally arriving at the south-east and into the hands of that faithful officer. It is described as a vase of the Etruscan order, of sterling silver, sixteen inches high, capacity one gallon, and suitably engraved. Besides this there were a bronze clock, and silver pen tray, eraser, envelope opener, and paper cutter. No wonder that the good brother's heart was overflowing with emotion. The presentation speech by Bro. J. M. Harris was an exceedingly happy effort.

The president of the library association reported the addition of three hundred and twenty-five volumes during the past nine months.

An emergent communication was held Dec. 26th, for the purpose of installing R. . W. . S. L. Stockbridge, Deputy Grand Master, who was unable to attend the annual communication by reason of injuries received in a railroad accident.

M. . W. . T. J. Shryock, Waverly, Grand Master, and R. . W. . J. H. Medairy, Baltimore, Grand Secretary, both reelected.

MAY, 1889.

A special communication was held in Baltimore, May 2d, M. . W. . T. J. Shryock, Grand Master, for the purpose of honoring Bro. Hamilton Murrell, an entered apprentice of Leeds, England, for his noble and successful efforts in rescuing the passengers and crew of the ill-fated ship Danmark. Suitable addresses were made and a beautiful gold medal presented to the guest of the evening, concluding with the loving cup being passed around and a banquet.

The one hundred and fifth stated communication was held in Baltimore, May 14th and 15th, M. : W. : T. J. Shryock, Grand Master. Seventy-six lodges represented; eighty-two upon the roll. Two past grand masters present, also our representative.

One dispensation for a new lodge issued; one charter restored.

The report on foreign correspondence was prepared as usual by Bro. E. T. Schultz. Minnesota duly noticed.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1888.

A special communication was held in Malden, Jan. 20th, for the purpose of constituting Converse Lodge.

A quarterly communication was held in Boston, March 14th, M. : W. : Henry Endicott, Grand Master. Eighty-five lodges represented; five past grand masters present.

The death of Bro. Joel Spalding, past senior grand warden, was announced.

The matter of territorial limits of the twenty-nine lodges now located within the limits of the city of Boston was discussed at considerable length, the annexation of suburbs having raised the question of concurrent jurisdiction. An amendment to the general regulations was proposed to cover the case.

The new monument for Bro. Henry Price, first provincial grand master, was announced as approaching completion, and it was agreed to dedicate the same in June. A suitable medal was also ordered struck.

The subsequent proceedings for 1888 were not received, and writing for them seems to do no good.

MICHIGAN, 1889.

The forty-fifth annual communication was held in Detroit, Jan. 22d and 23d, M. : W. : W. B. Wilson, Grand Master. A fine portrait of him is given as a frontispiece. Three hundred and fifty-one lodges represented; three hundred and sixty-one upon the roll. Fifteen past grand masters present, our representative not among the number.

Four dispensations for new lodges; one charter surrendered; two lodges consolidated.

The death of Bro. J. E. Johnson, past grand master, was announced, at the age of eighty-three.

Fifty-eight decisions of local interest were reported in twenty pages of small type, most of which appear trivial and unnecessary. It would have saved both the grand master and the grand lodge much valuable time had the questions been answered by a reference to the blue book.

The evils of the life membership plan were practically illustrated in the case of Kilwinning Lodge, which has ninety-seven members paying no dues and fifty-five contributing members. The annual receipts, including fees for degrees, were stated at \$350, the disbursements \$550, leaving a yearly deficit of \$200. A lengthy showing was presented by the master and wardens, asking legislation permitting them to put all the members upon an equal footing in the matter of dues, and they were authorized to amend their by-laws accordingly.

The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin having asked reimbursement of the amount expended by one of its subordinate lodges for the relief of a brother belonging to a lodge in Michigan, the special committee to whom the matter was referred submitted a lengthy report, from which the conclusion is taken as follows:

Your committee wish to be fully understood. That in their opinion there is no warrant for any lodge or individual mason for incurring any expense on account of any other lodge or mason without their or his consent.

Inasmuch as Key Lodge has incurred an expense which was a burden, and which Oceana Lodge is not able to pay, and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin has paid in behalf of Bro. Doak, of Oceana Lodge, therefore

Resolved, As a matter of comity, that the Most Worshipful Grand Master remit to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Wisconsin the sum of \$91.65.

This is fully in accord with the practice in most of our grand jurisdictions, the principle involved being too well established to admit of argument. Still it was proper for the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin to reimburse its subordinate, and the Grand Lodge of Michigan could not reasonably avoid its action when thus formally called upon. Hence the question in the present instance resolves itself into one of good taste, which we do not consider within our province to discuss.

The special committee upon the masonic home at Grand Rapids had not sufficient time to fully consider the important undertaking, and recommended the appointment of another committee to report next year.

The committee appointed at the last annual communication upon the subject of suitable clothing at lodge funerals reported at great length; we only have space for the following extracts:

A glance at many a lodge upon funeral occasions would show some of the members clothed in black, some in gray, some in brown, and some in dark coats and light pants; you would see silk hats, derby hats, slouch hats, dark hats, light hats, straw hats, and caps of various shapes and colors. Some will wear the apron under the coat, showing but little, some outside the coat, and some with the coat or overcoat buttoned so closely over the apron as to entirely hide it from sight. Such a picture is not calculated to raise a lodge higher in the estimation of the public, and yet it is not an overdrawn picture. You have all seen it many times. A family that would attend the funeral of a loved member, wearing the bright colors of fashionable dress, would be thought lost to all sense of decency, and yet the lodge, in attending the funeral of a member, proclaims to the world that it is mourning the loss of a loved brother, and the public has the same right to demand a proper observance of the proprieties of society on its part as in the other case.

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Your committee, therefore, recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the proper clothing to be worn at masonic funerals, and which is hereby adopted as such by this grand lodge, shall consist of black coat, pants, vest, and hat, white gloves and apron, crape on left arm above the elbow, and a sprig of evergreen on the left breast; the apron, which is the distinguishing badge of a mason, *in all* cases to be worn outside the coat. While it is not meant to be obligatory, yet all lodges in their jurisdiction are hereby recommended, and most strongly urged, to require their members to conform to this resolution in all cases where it will not work a hardship upon them.

The sum of \$100 was appropriated to purchase a ritual of Bro. James Fenton, said to be an original copy of the Barney work, the standard in that jurisdiction.

A vote of thanks and the customary past grand master's jewel were awarded to the retiring officer.

The report on correspondence is by Bro. W. P. Innes. Minnesota receives seven pages, lengthy extracts being made from the annual address, and the decisions quoted in full.

M. : W. : W. J. Babcock, Niles, Grand Master; R. : W. : W. P. Innes, Grand Rapids, reëlected Grand Secretary, and continued as chairman of the committee on correspondence.

MISSISSIPPI, 1889.

The seventy-first annual communication was held in Meridian, Feb. 14th and 15th, M. : W. : M. M. Evans, Grand Master. Two hundred and twenty-seven lodges represented; two hundred and fifty-six upon the roll. Ten past grand masters present.

Four dispensations for new lodges; four charters arrested and one surrendered; two lodges consolidated.

The death of Bro. J. W. Speight, past grand master, was announced.

Among the decisions was the following:

2. That a warden, while such, is eligible to the office of district deputy grand master.

He may be eligible, but is he qualified?

The grand master congratulates the fraternity upon the renewed life and vigor which inspires them in that jurisdiction.

The grand secretary submitted his twentieth annual report, with some very interesting statistics pertaining to his administration of that office, closing with an original poem.

The committee on necrology briefly reported, supplemented by able and feeling tributes from Bros. P. M. Savery and Frederick Speed, past grand masters.

A majority of the routine questions propounded by subordinate lodges seem to go directly into the hands of the committee on masonic law and jurisprudence, thereby relieving the grand master of much labor and correspondence.

The foundation stone of the new city hall and market house was laid by the grand lodge, with an eloquent oration by Bro. Frederick Speed.

Seven masters elect of subordinate lodges were duly installed, after receiving the past master's degree.

The grand master elect was installed by his lifelong friend, Bro. Frederick Speed, from whose address we extract the following:

No form of words which ritualists could devise, no ceremony which does not proceed from the simple promptings of a heart full, very full, with the emotions which this happy moment inspires, could satisfy the demands of the occasion. For twenty years you and I have made an annual pilgrimage to our masonic Jerusalem, the grand lodge; we have occupied the same room, shared in the same duties, hopes, aspirations, griefs, and disappointments; we have unburdened to each other the inmost thoughts of our hearts; our friends have been mutual — enemies, fortunately we have had none. While we have not always agreed upon the great questions which have been considered in grand lodge, we have never forgotten to respect each other's opinions, and there has never been one cross word between us. As citizens we have often been on opposing sides in politics and in matters of public interest, and that, too, in times which "tried men's souls," and yet we never for one moment doubted each other. We have been united in many movements for the public good, and have stood together against wrong and oppression, against public opinion and dominant factions, sometimes winning and sometimes losing, and yet, through it all, we have been steadfast friends between whom nothing has come to mar or break that friendship. During all these years as close neighbors we have had many common joys and common sorrows. We have rejoiced together upon festive occasions, and, alas, we have stood with each other beside many open graves. We have lived long enough to see the masonic bodies to which we belong almost completely change their membership. * * * Knowing you as I do, it seems to me but a natural thing that you should reach the grand east.

The report on foreign correspondence was presented by Bro. A. H. Barkley; Minnesota briefly noticed, yet quite complimentary, especially to our late grand secretary.

M. : W. : W. G. Paxton, Vicksburg, Grand Master; R. : W. : J. L. Power, Jackson, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. A. H. Barkley, reporter on foreign correspondence.

MISSOURI, 1889.

The sixty-ninth annual communication was held in St. Louis, Oct. 15th to 17th, M. : W. : J. P. Wood, Grand Master. Two hundred and sixteen lodges represented; five hundred and forty-two upon the roll. Thirteen past grand masters present, our representative not among the number.

Seven dispensations for new lodges; four charters arrested and one surrendered; two lodges consolidated.

The death of Bro. A. L. McGregor, past senior grand warden, was announced. He was a charter member of three lodges in that jurisdiction and the first master of two of them, a remarkable record.

The grand master says:

But few decisions have been rendered during the year. While it is almost incredible to state that over two hundred letters have been written to the grand master asking for a decision on some point, yet the law in our jurisdiction is so well settled and the decisions of the grand lodge are so numerous and plain that in almost every instance the question was answered by a simple reference to the page and number of the decision, as reported in our book of constitutions.

Among the very few decisions reported were the following:

Absence of a regularly appointed committee on a petition for affiliation on initiation from the meeting at which the report is due is no excuse for failure to report. In such a case the worshipful master very properly discharged the old committee and appointed a new one.

Although the master or the lodge has the *right* to summon any member of the lodge, for any purpose within the scope and business of masonry; yet this right of summons must not be exercised except in cases of *extreme emergency*.

A memorial page was ordered inserted in the proceedings for Bro. Henry Moore, who had been a mason for more than sixty years.

The afternoon of the first day was spent at the Masonic Home in Western St. Louis, where dinner was served. It consists of a large two story brick, with stables and other outbuildings, and fifteen acres of ground, acquired at a cost of \$40,000. Accompanying the proceedings are those of a special communication held June 15th for its dedication, at which a number of addresses were made and other appropriate exercises had. It was a proud day for the brethren of Missouri.

A note upon the cover states that the grand secretary commenced mailing the proceedings two days after the close of the session. This beats the record, and Bro. Munn, of Illinois, will have to look to his laurels.

The report on foreign correspondence is by Bro. J. D. Vincil, his twelfth, Minnesota being reviewed at considerable length. He does not seem to comprehend Bro. Pierson's statement that

the procedure against Cerneauism is simply one of recognition of jurisdiction by preoccupancy, and his two pages of adverse argument are entirely upon a false basis. It is not necessary to read between the lines or drag in extraneous matters. Our late brother held that the grand lodges not only had the undoubted right, but that it was their duty, to denounce the so-called Cerneau bodies as clandestine for their invasion of territory which had long been in the peaceable possession of another; that this did not involve the question of legitimacy, with which the grand lodge had properly nothing to do; that formal action is necessary in defense of the American theory of exclusive jurisdiction. It is hoped that we have made the point in issue sufficiently clear that hereafter there may be no misunderstanding.

With the anti-saloon controversy we decline to interfere. The matter having been definitely settled in Missouri Bro. Vincil should seek new worlds to conquer, and not be perpetually fighting his old battles over again. His very able report would be considerably improved in our humble estimation by a judicious use of the blue pencil. The persistent allusions to the subject were all well enough from their standpoint so long as it was a living issue, but now that it is claimed that not a single liquor dealer is enrolled among their twenty-seven thousand affiliated masons, why not call off the dogs? In other words, what's the use of hammering after the rivet has been driven home and clinched? We trust that our presumption may be overlooked and forgiven by our learned frater. We have been reading his reports for a number of years, and always found them interesting and profitable save in this one particular. We like our meat well cooked, yet not overdone nor pounded into a jelly.

Under the head of Arizona he accounts for his bull-and-red-rag antipathy to the physical qualifications of a candidate as laid down in the Ancient Charges:

The writer was so unfortunate in boyhood as to lose a part of the index finger on the right hand. According to the above rule I was disqualified and should not have received the degrees of masonry. After my admission among the Sons of Light I began to read up on different subjects, and found the old perfection rule. That with another disqualification (lack of sufficient residence), startled me.

And well it might. The lodge which accepted and acted upon the petition was clearly subject to discipline for violation of two of the fundamental principles of the order.

At the expiration of thirty-five years he is still very glad that he did not fall into the hands of the physical perfectionists, and, to tell the truth, so are we. His services to the fraternity for almost an average lifetime have been constant and unremitting, and he is known and appreciated throughout the entire masonic world. Still, this is no argument that every man with a bunty finger, as he terms it, should be admitted. Exceptions only prove the general rule.

The following is taken from under the head of Florida:

But the most remarkable ruling I have seen for years is based upon what the grand master termed a regulation. It was in these words: "When a brother petitions for reinstatement from a suspension of dues for several years, his dues are continuous and must be paid for the whole term of his suspension." This ruling was approved by the grand lodge. Of course it was. Any grand lodge having such a regulation as above referred to would very naturally and of necessity approve the finding of its grand master in declaring a continuous penalty against a brother while under suspension for non-payment of dues. This beats Shylock. It discounts Death himself; for when that grim and merciless tyrant claims a victim he only holds him in custody, but charges nothing up against the prisoner, not even for keeping watch over him. He gives the poor sleeper rest within his silent domain, but brings in no bill for lodging. He even furnishes, without charge, the grave worm to perform constant service for the dead. But Florida masonry suspends life, and imprisons a brother in the gloomy dungeon of a masonic grave and, at the end of each year, charges him up with a bill for being in limbo.

The grand chaplain of Georgia receives a scoring for speaking a piece to the Almighty and informing him of matter and things in general. This manner of talking to the Lord is quite common among a certain class of preachers; possibly there is no help for it, although very much out of place in a masonic lodge room. It would be far preferable to have some brother read a suitable prayer out of the monitor. In fact this grand chaplain business is a great deal of a humbug at best, and too often proves merely a hole for another peg in the distribution of offices.

Under the head of Dakota he *flails* Bro. Thompson unmercifully, taking three pages to do it in. We do not propose to med-

dle with the fight between two such extremists, preferring to stand back and look on. But Bro. Vincil evidently is in error in his conclusion:

One result is realized, so far as that grand lodge is concerned. He will write no more reports. His conclusion proves that.

Certainly not for that grand lodge, as Bro. Thompson is a constituent member and deputy grand master of the new Grand Lodge of *North* Dakota, and could hardly be expected to write reports for that which will be termed next year the Grand Lodge of *South* Dakota, or as soon as its constitution can be lawfully amended to that effect. Should he again take up the cudgels on behalf of his present grand lodge Bro. Parvin would have to build a fence as high as Haman's gallows between his first and latest loves to scotch that Dakota blizzard, and even then there would be a chill in and around St. Louis fully equal to that which is coming in 1892, with the World's Fair at Chicago. It is to be hoped that they will not reach there together.

M. · W. · Theodore Brace, Jefferson City, Grand Master; R. · W. · J. D. Vincil, St. Louis, reëlected Grand Secretary, and is also chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

MONTANA, 1889.

The twenty-fifth annual communication was held in Great Falls, Oct. 30th and 31st, M. · W. · A. C. Logan, Grand Master. The thirty lodges all represented. Seven past grand masters present, but not our representative. In the printed list the residences of the representatives to and from Montana are both given as St. Paul, Minn., and it is not a misprint either.

The committee appointed to procure a suitable testimonial for Bro. J. W. Hatheway, past grand master, reported the presentation of a beautiful silver tea set and salver, of handsome design and appropriately engraved.

The following standing resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Grand Lodge of Montana the printing and publication in cipher or mnemonics of any portion of the ritual of the degrees of masonry not purely monitorial, or the use of

such work by any mason in this grand jurisdiction, is a departure from masonic propriety and a violation of masonic obligation, and receives the unqualified condemnation of the grand lodge.

A proposed amendment to the grand lodge by-laws requiring but one ballot for the three degrees was laid upon the table, which with the knocking out of the past master's degree and warning the craft under its obedience to have nothing to do with the so-called Cerneau rite comprised the principal legislation of the session.

Bro. C. H. Gould, grand orator, delivered a highly creditable address, which received the compliment of being printed in the body of the proceedings.

Bro. Cornelius Hedges is the writer of the excellent report on fraternal correspondence, Minnesota being very kindly noticed.

Under the head of Alabama he observes that "the use of abbreviations in the record is sometimes amusing." We thought so too upon opening a neatly printed pamphlet and reading "The 25th An. Com. of the Gr. L. of A. F. & A. M. of Montana began to be held on Wedns.," etc.

M. : W. : John Anderson, Missoula, Grand Master; R. : W. : Cornelius Hedges, Helena, reëlected Grand Secretary, and continued as chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEBRASKA, 1889.

The thirty-second annual communication was held in Omaha, June 19th and 20th, M. : W. : G. B. France, Grand Master. One hundred and fifty-nine lodges represented; one hundred and sixty-seven upon the roll. Sixteen past grand masters present, including our representative.

Twelve dispensations issued for new lodges.

Among the decisions we note the following:

1. A brother is elected master of a lodge. Before he is installed charges are preferred against him. He is tried and acquitted. A member of the lodge appeals. Is the brother entitled to installation? Yes, the brother is entitled to be installed.

In relation to the alleged Cerneau bodies, the committee on jurisprudence declined to enter upon any discussion of the his-

tory, use, or legitimacy, or to commit the grand lodge to the recognition of any such order, but cordially indorsed the law as recognized and promulgated by the grand master as follows:

1. That two bodies claiming to be masonic, of the same grade, cannot lawfully exist in the same state at the same time.

2. That the first lawfully constituted authority established in a state thereby obtains exclusive jurisdiction in such territory, and that any other body of the same grade or rite, entering later within such territory, is in itself unlawful.

A well-digested oration was delivered by Bro. H. H. Wilson, which appears in its appropriate place in the proceedings.

There was no report on foreign correspondence, but one may be expected next year.

M. · W. · J. J. Mercer, Grand Master; R. · W. · W. R. Bowen reëlected Grand Secretary; both of Omaha.

NEVADA, 1889.

A special communication was held in Carson City, Sept. 29th, 1888, for the purpose of laying a corner stone.

The twenty-fifth annual communication was held in Virginia, June 11th and 12th, M. · W. · William McMillan, Grand Master. Thirteen lodges represented; nineteen upon the roll. Four past grand masters present.

One charter surrendered.

The report on foreign correspondence was presented by Bro. R. L. Fulton; Minnesota briefly noticed. It is almost entirely made up of extracts.

M. · W. · C. W. Hinchcliffe, Austin, Grand Master; V. · W. · C. N. Noteware, Carson, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. R. L. Fulton, Reno, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1889.

The twenty-second annual communication was held in St. John, April 23d and 24th, M. · W. · James McNichol, Grand Master. Twenty-five lodges represented; thirty-two upon the roll. Our representative present and promoted to the Grand East.

In consideration of long and faithful services to the craft Bro. George Todd, past master, was constituted a permanent member, with the rank and title of past junior grand warden.

No report on foreign correspondence.

M. : W. : Thomas Walker, M. D., Grand Master; V. : W. : E. J. Wetmore reappointed Grand Secretary; both of St. John.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1889.

The semi-annual communication was held in Manchester, Dec. 27th, 1888, M. : W. : G. W. Currier, Grand Master. The work in the three degrees was practically exemplified, each degree by a different lodge.

The one hundredth annual communication was held in Concord, May 15th and 16th, M. : W. : G. W. Currier, Grand Master. The seventy-six lodges all represented. Six past grand masters present, and also our representative.

The deaths of Bros. N. W. Cumner and William Barrett, the latter a resident of St. Paul, were announced.

A banquet was served the first evening in honor of the one hundredth anniversary of the organization of the Grand Lodge, with a number of addresses and an abundance of good cheer.

Bro. A. S. Wait submitted the report on foreign correspondence; Minnesota briefly but kindly noticed.

M. : W. : G. W. Currier, Nashua, Grand Master, and R. : W. : G. P. Cleaves, Concord, Grand Secretary, both reelected. Bro. A. S. Wait, Newport, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW JERSEY, 1889.

The one hundred and second annual communication was held in Trenton, Jan. 23d and 24th, M. : W. : R. M. Moore, Grand Master. One hundred and fifty-one lodges represented; one hundred and fifty-eight upon the roll. Seven past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Two dispensations issued for new lodges.

Among the legislation was a repeal of the two years' limitation in which prosecution for masonic offenses might be brought.

An engrossed address and gold mounted cane was presented to Bro. J. H. Hough, who has filled the secretary's office as deputy and principal for the past fifty years, in token of their appreciation of his valued services. His appointment outdates an ordinary lifetime.

The report on foreign correspondence was prepared by Bro. Henry Vehslage, Minnesota receiving due attention.

M. : W. : C. H. Mann, Haddonfield, Grand Master; R. : W. : J. H. Hough, Trenton, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. Henry Vehslage, Irvington, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW MEXICO, 1889.

The eleventh annual communication was held in Santa Fè, Jan. 14th to 16th, M. : W. : W. S. Harroun, Grand Master. Twelve lodges represented; thirteen upon the roll. Nine past grand masters present.

Two dispensations issued for new lodges.

The death of R. : W. : D. J. Miller, the first grand secretary, and his burial by the Grand Lodge of Missouri was announced.

The grand master recommended that two vacant or dead numbers be assigned to the newly chartered lodges, which was overruled by the committee upon the ground that it would not be just to older lodges to have them thus take seniority. Correct.

Bro. Max. Frost submitted the report on foreign correspondence, Minnesota included. It is mainly composed of extracts.

M. : W. : A. H. Morehead, Silver City, Grand Master; R. : W. : A. A. Keen, East Las Vegas, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bros. Max. Frost, Santa Fè, committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1888-9.

The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales was established in Sydney, Aug. 16th, 1888, under articles of union agreed upon by a joint committee from the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, the Provincial (now District) Grand Lodge of England, and the Provincial (now District) Grand Lodge of Scotland, and M. :

W. : Lord Carrington, Past Senior Grand Warden of England and governor of the colony, was unanimously elected as first grand master. This happy termination of long existing difficulties in a thrice divided jurisdiction is largely due to the efforts of the illustrious brother.

A lodge of sorrow was convened in Petersham, Aug. 23d, to attend the funeral of Bro. J. S. Farnell, past grand master.

The officers of the new grand lodge were installed Sept. 18th, the brethren having been duly assembled for that purpose.

Special communications were held Oct. 22d, Jan. 18th, 1889, and Feb. 15th, at which considerable important business incident to the consolidation was transacted.

Regular quarterly communications were also held March 13th and June 12th, officers being elected at the latter.

The grand lodge was convened June 13th to attend the funeral of Bro. John Williams, past grand master.

The annual communication was held June 24th, at which the officers elect were installed.

The grand master announced in his address that they had been recognized by England, Scotland, and seven other grand lodges, and with little doubt would ultimately be by all.

M. : W. : Lord Carrington reelected Grand Master; V. : W. : Donnelly Fisher, Grand Registrar.

NEW YORK, 1889.

The one hundred and eighth annual communication was held in New York, June 4th to 6th, M. : W. : F. R. Lawrence, Grand Master. Seven hundred and one lodges represented; seven hundred and eighteen upon the roll. Ten past grand masters present, including our representative.

Two dispensations for new lodges issued.

The deaths of Bros. J. D. Evans and J. W. Simons, past grand masters, were announced and fitting tributes paid to their memory.

The 24th of April was set apart as a day of thanksgiving and rejoicing among the craft by reason of the payment of the last dollar of indebtedness upon their masonic temple. It was duly

observed in every lodge room in the state. A bronze medal was also struck commemorative of the joyful occasion. Fac-simile certificates attesting the burning of \$400,000 in bonds and the cancellation of the mortgage appear in the proceedings.

The librarian reports the accession of one hundred and ninety-three volumes during the year, and that the free reading room continues to grow in usefulness and popularity.

The special committee on asylum reported in favor of locating the institution at Utica, which was adopted. Now that their great burden is removed, the energy and abundant means of the fraternity will undoubtedly be applied to the speedy building up of this noble enterprise upon a scale which no other grand jurisdiction can hope to equal.

The grand master was unanimously reëlected to the position so acceptably filled by him during the past four years, but was obliged to decline by reason of the pressure of other duties. A full complement of grand officers was thereupon chosen by acclamation, a procedure rather strange to those of us who have been through many a closely contested struggle upon the part of those seeking for preferment.

The report on foreign correspondence was written by Bro. J. B. Anthony. Minnesota receives a very flattering notice.

Under the head of Dakota he remarks:

We would say for the information of the chairman, that our grand lodge requires suitable proficiency in the preceding degree as a qualification for advancement, but does not exact that it shall be an examination in open lodge, deeming that inexpedient. Committees are appointed whose duty it is to instruct the candidates, and on their avouchment as to proficiency they are advanced. It is just as effective and saves much valuable time.

Under the head of District of Columbia he steps outside of the beaten track in the following:

Our judgment would be, in the event of what are termed mixed funerals, other organizations (not masonic) taking part in the ceremonies, that the masonic rites should be the *first*, and at the conclusion thereof, if the family desired, other organizations could then proceed.

The rear of a masonic procession is universally considered the post of honor, hence we do not coincide with the above. Let the

other organizations complete their ceremonies first, and then bury our brother according to the ritual.

Under the head of Montana he correctly holds:

That in assuming the office of worshipful master and appearing as such representative, he relinquished his privilege of again voting as a past master.

Under the head of Nebraska we find.

We think a large share of official correspondence could be avoided by adopting the course pursued by the grand master of Minnesota, and thereby save the \$400 appropriated for clerk hire to grand master.

M. · W. · J. W. Vrooman, Herkimer, Grand Master; R. · W. · E. M. L. Ehlers, New York, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. J. B. Anthony, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1889.

The one hundred and second annual communication was held in Raleigh, Jan. 8th to 10th, M. · W. · C. H. Robinson, Grand Master. One hundred and fifty-four lodges represented; two hundred and twenty-five upon the roll. Three past grand masters present, likewise our representative.

Six dispensations for new lodges; seven lodges revived; three charters forfeited by failure to pay dues for two or more years.

The superintendent of the orphan asylum reported two hundred and fifty-one inmates; total expenditures, \$19,253.87; sales from the farm and garden, \$3,714.25; profit of shoe shop, \$259.70; of broom factory, \$361.97; of newspaper, \$2,182.09. Besides these items of revenue it receives \$10,000 annually from the state and \$1,500 from the grand lodge. This was the sixteenth annual report, and a very satisfactory one.

The proposition to remove the seat of the grand lodge from Raleigh to Oxford was lost by a vote of sixty-four to three hundred and forty.

Among the important legislation was the division of the jurisdiction into eight districts preliminary to the appointment of district deputy grand masters; providing for a grand lecturer; increasing the per capita tax from fifty to sixty cents.

The retiring grand master was presented with a gold mounted cane, suitably acknowledged.

Eight special communications were held for the purpose of laying corner stones, and duly reported in the proceedings.

A well written report on foreign correspondence was presented by Bro. E. S. Martin, Minnesota receiving rather more than the average attention.

M. W. S. H. Smith, Winston, Grand Master; R. W. D. W. Bain, Raleigh, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. E. S. Martin, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1889.

The convention which organized a grand lodge in this new state was held in Mitchell, June 12th and 13th, with M. W. H. M. Wheeler as chairman and Bro. L. A. Rose secretary. Twenty of the twenty-seven lodges in the jurisdiction represented. A constitution was adopted and grand officers elected. The latter were installed by M. W. G. H. Hand, Past Grand Master of Dakota.

Suitable resolutions were adopted acknowledging a generous division of the property and funds by the parent grand lodge, one-third of the estimated value being awarded as its share. The jewels were also added to the dowry. It accordingly starts out with \$1,530.26 in the treasury, quite a nest egg, and a membership of thirteen hundred and twenty-two.

The Grand Lodge of Minnesota has considerable interest in these proceedings, two of the lodges participating in the organization, having originally been chartered by it. Shiloh Lodge at Fargo was No. 105 upon our roll, No. 8 upon that of the Grand Lodge of Dakota, and is now No. 1. Date of charters Jan. 14th, 1874, June 7th, 1879. Bismarck Lodge at Bismarck was No. 102 upon our roll, No. 16 upon that of the Grand Lodge of Dakota, and is now No. 5. Date of charters Jan. 12th, 1876, June 9th, 1880. In advance of more formal action your committee extends fraternal greeting.

M. W. J. W. Cloes, Jamestown, Grand Master; R. W. D. S. Dodds, Lakota, Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1889.

Two emergent communications were held during the past year, that of April 2d, for the purpose of paying the last sad rites to R. . W. . Benjamin Curren, late grand secretary, who had filled the office for nineteen years with credit to himself and honor to the fraternity. A handsome portrait appears as a frontispiece to the proceedings. The second was held June 11th, to lay the corner stone of a church.

The twenty-fourth annual communication was held in Picton, June 12th to 13th, M. . W. . D. C. Moore, Grand Master. Forty-three lodges represented; sixty-eight upon the roll. Two past grand masters present, including our representative.

Before proceeding to business the grand lodge attended church in a body, where a sermon was preached by the grand chaplain. Our brethren across the border appear to have a decided leaning in this direction, and they might do very many things much worse.

Among the reported deaths we find that of Bro. H. S. Jost, our grand representative for a number of years past, an upright man and mason.

One dispensation issued for a new lodge.

The report on foreign correspondence is the handiwork of the four members of the committee, each review being signed with the initials of the brother preparing it. Minnesota is courteously noticed. For the information of T. B. F. it may be stated that our report for 1889 was entirely the production of the late chairman, who had served in that capacity twenty-one years.

M. . W. . D. C. Moore, Stellarton, reëlected Grand Master;
R. . W. . William Ross, Halifax, Grand Secretary.

OHIO, 1889.

The eightieth annual communication was held in Cincinnati, Oct. 22d and 23d, W. . W. . Leander Burdick, Grand Master. Four hundred and eighty-two lodges represented; four hundred and eighty-eight upon the roll. Five past grand masters and our representative present. A portrait of Bro. S. S. Williams faces the title page of the proceedings.

Seven dispensations issued for new lodges during the year.

The death of Bro. J. N. Burr, past deputy grand master, was announced.

The officers of two arrested lodges refused to turn over their property to the proxy of the grand master, and obtained temporary injunctions from the courts restraining further action. One of them also obtained a preliminary injunction preventing eighteen brethren from organizing under a dispensation in their town. The malcontents will probably find, however, that they have gained nothing for their trouble and expense, as the courts have invariably held that such matters are entirely beyond their jurisdiction.

Among the more important of the numerous decisions are the following:

2. Rule thirty-one of the code, requiring an applicant to reside one year within the jurisdiction of a lodge, is not for the purpose of citizenship; therefore a person who has not applied for nor obtained citizenship, as required to make him a voter in the state, may present his petition under the rule.

3. Held, that a non-affiliate past master should not be permitted to perform the ceremonies of installing the officers elect of a lodge.

9. No member can be expelled from a lodge except upon charges duly preferred, and trial had, as provided under rules fifty-seven and fifty-eight of the code. If, however, a party has confessed to the courts a crime of sufficient importance to claim the attention of the lodge, it would become the duty of the master to appoint a committee of investigation.

13. Each meeting being complete, with no authority to adjourn, it is therefore held that a motion in a subordinate lodge to lay upon the table could have no effect after the close of the meeting. Therefore any business requiring further consideration by the lodge should not be so disposed of.

28. A master mason holding a dimit is not eligible to election as an honorary member of a lodge. This distinction can be conferred only upon an affiliated mason.

35. The master of a lodge can order the test oath to be administered, or examination had, notwithstanding the fact that some member of a lodge is willing, or offers, to vouch for a visiting brother.

38. I consider hearing and seeing as two of the most important qualifications of an applicant. In the matter of hearing, however, I should say "that he should be able to hear the sound," and if unable to hear ordinary conversation he would be disqualified.

The fraternal relations between the grand lodges of Ohio and Tennessee have become sadly strained by the refusal of the grand master of the latter to appoint the nominee of the grand master of the former as grand representative, proposing instead the name of a prominent Cerneau as one whom he would be delighted to honor. This insult to Ohio was promptly resented by recalling the commission of their representative near the grand lodge of Tennessee, and with the presentation of the correspondence and a comprehensive report upon the subject from the committee on foreign correspondence, the action of the grand master was unanimously approved. Here the matter rests, awaiting further action from Tennessee. A resolution was also adopted expressive of their love and esteem for the venerable Bro. James McCollum, past grand master of Tennessee, and for many years their grand representative, assuring him that his official services were appreciated and honored.

The grand lodges of New South Wales, North Dakota, and Victoria were duly recognized, and an interchange of representatives requested.

A resolution was adopted disapproving of the incorporation of subordinate lodges and forbidding such action in future.

The long services of Bro. J. D. Caldwell, grand secretary from 1852 to 1888 inclusive, were acknowledged by appointing him emeritus grand secretary for life, and appropriating \$100 to purchase a suitable jewel as a badge of that office.

The present grand secretary was also complimented by increasing his salary to \$1,500, a raise of fifty per cent.

A movement has been inaugurated for the establishment of a masonic home, which will doubtless be pushed with all the fervency and zeal characteristic of the craft in that jurisdiction.

The report on foreign correspondence was submitted by Bro. W. M. Cunningham, its title having been changed from communication by general regulation. We congratulate him upon the return to first principles; it may not be a landmark, but the time honored old name sounds the best from long association. Minnesota is very kindly noticed.

Under the head of Indiana he pertinently remarks:

Whether behind the times or not, our brethren of country lodges will doubtless continue to suit their own convenience by having the moon, when near or at its full, "to make darkness light before them" when on their way over bad roads to or from lodge meetings. Gas and electricity having relieved city brethren from its necessity, it does not follow that our brethren in the country should be deprived of the use of the moon because it may be a little inconvenient to *remember meeting nights* by those who are not members of the particular lodge.

Also the following:

Ceremonials and symbolism pertain to freemasonry in all of its relations, and distinguish its meetings from the cross-road debating society or city social club. In grand lodge or in its subordinates brotherly love and esteem are best displayed by the well earned honors accorded to the aged, the visiting brother, and past officials, whether of grand or subordinate rank. Ceremonials and masonic politeness are like air cushions to hard seats, carpets to bare floors, and upholstery to bare rooms; not necessary, perhaps, to *business*, but essential to comfort and appearance.

The election of Bro. J. J. Gorman as grand treasurer of the Grand Lodge of New York is unsparingly denounced as an infraction of the fraternal comity existing between the two grand jurisdictions. Being at the head of one of the so-called Cerneau bodies, he has persistently attacked and misrepresented the action of Ohio, and the fact of his recent elevation to the first named office is paraded as illustrating its standing at home. Under the circumstances the selection was most unfortunate.

The report closes with an able paper on landmarks, with extensive quotations from standard authorities.

The proceedings of the Ohio Masonic Veterans' Association appears as usual among the appendices. The qualifications are twenty-one years of masonic service. Minnesota should follow the example and organize a similar society.

M.: W.: Leander Burdick, Toledo, Grand Master, and R.: W.: J. H. Bromwell, Cincinnati, Grand Secretary, both reelected. Bro. W. M. Cunningham, Newark, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

OREGON, 1889.

A special communication was held in Portland, Dec. 20th, 1888, to attend the funeral of M. W. Berryman Jennings, their first grand master.

The thirty-ninth annual communication was held in Portland, June 12th, M. W. Jacob Mayer, Grand Master. Seventy-five grand lodges represented; seventy-eight upon the roll. Eleven past grand masters present.

One charter arrested and one surrendered.

A rather lengthy oration was delivered by Bro. G. E. Chamberlain.

The committee on jurisprudence, to whom had been referred that portion of the grand master's address relating to Cerneauism, submitted the following, which was adopted:

That at the present time there is no trouble in the jurisdiction of Oregon on this subject, and it is to be hoped there will not be any in the future; that it is proper to say to our brethren that this Cerneau (so-called) masonry is clandestine, and they are hereby warned not to embrace it, under the penalties that must follow a violation of the edicts touching clandestine masons found within our lodges.

A memorial page is devoted to Bro. R. A. Jones, late chief justice of the territory, of whom the address says: "He had attained great distinction in political circles, civil society, and as a jurist."

Another of Bro. S. F. Chadwick's well digested reports on foreign correspondence is given in the appendices, Minnesota for 1888 and 1889 being very kindly noticed.

Under the head of Arkansas he truthfully remarks:

When a brother has to go over eight or ten thousand pages and cull from them enough to make a report that will be creditable to his jurisdiction he will have taken fully three months' working hours; and if he takes daylight for it he will be in the service a much longer time. We commence in December, and it takes until the first of May following to finish our task. We have to wait on reports of proceedings and review them as they come in. Brethren little know the extent of work that is put into these reports on foreign correspondence, and no brother can be a bright mason, in the proper acceptance of the term, who fails to read them.

Under the head of Ohio he throws the following additional light upon a paragraph of the grand master's address concerning an attempt to introduce the so-called Cerneau rite in that jurisdiction:

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This Calvin C. Burt has a particularly odoriferous record, both as a man and mason. He was master of a lodge at Keyport, N. J., in 1864, the charter of which was surrendered to the grand master in person, on account of the irregular way in which he conducted its affairs. Charges were then preferred in the grand lodge, and he was expelled by a unanimous vote. In 1868 he appealed to that body to review its former proceedings, and the resolution of expulsion was rescinded for a technical informality, leaving him an unaffiliated mason under charges before his grand lodge. In 1878 he turned up in Michigan, claiming the right of visitation by the possession of a dimit from a New York lodge, dated May 27th, 1863, a year before his appearance on the other side of the Hudson river. He was then engaged in peddling the alleged Rite of Memphis, having been smart enough to secure a copyright on its name and ritual, a copy of the letter being deposited with the librarian of congress, and can be seen by those who desire to inspect it. In 1863 he sold his right to Dr. Darius Wilson, of Lowell, Mass., for \$1,000, who dispenses the ninety-six degrees for the nominal sum of \$15, throwing in the thirty-six degrees of the Rite of Mizriam as a still further inducement to the victim. In October, 1878, he applied to a lodge at Battle Creek for membership, which fact being brought to the attention of the grand master, he directed the master to retain the original New York dimit and deliver it to him at the next meeting of the grand lodge, Jan. 28th, 1889. The annual address states the case at considerable length, the following being the conclusion:

If the plagues that were inflicted upon Egypt, during that unhappy period, were any greater than those inflicted on your grand master by

PENNSYLVANIA, 1888.

At the quarterly communication held in June the committee of past grand masters previously appointed to consider the constituting of bodies commonly known as Cerneau masons submitted a somewhat lengthy report, together with the following resolutions, which were unanimously approved:

Resolved, That if, as alleged, the organization known as the consistory of the Cerneau rite claims the power or authority or right to confer the three degrees of ancient freemasonry, it is not consistent with the duties of members of lodges subordinate to this grand lodge to seek or retain membership in that organization.

Resolved, That the permission by a subordinate lodge for the use of its place of meeting for the practice of the Cerneau rite, or for any other purpose than the one recognized as masonic, is unauthorized and improper.

Resolved, That this grand lodge expressly declines to enter upon any discussion of the history, use or legitimacy of any body claiming to confer what is known as the high degrees in freemasonry, or to be committed to the recognition of any such body as being masonic, or as identified with or a part of ancient craft masonry.

The offer of Bro. T. R. Patton, grand treasurer, to defray the entire expense of frescoing Egyptian Hall of the Masonic Temple in the very highest style of the art, at an estimated cost of \$4,200, was accepted, "provided the donor would first place in its hands sufficient security to guarantee the payment of the full amount of the contract, so that the right worshipful grand lodge should be held harmless and free from any possible liability for the same or any part thereof." Assignments of \$5,200 in ground rents were accordingly placed in the hands of the committee, and it is presumed that the work was done satisfactorily, although no further mention of it appears in the abstract of proceedings. The excessive caution in accepting a costly gift, however, appears very singular to a western mason, but then Pennsylvania prides itself in being peculiar.

The grand master reported that the box from the corner stone of the old hall on Chestnut street had been opened and its contents found to be damaged by moisture, with the exception of the gold coin.

At the quarterly communication held in December officers were elected for the ensuing year, the annual report submitted, and the finances adjusted for another twelve months.

The annual communication was held in Philadelphia, Dec. 27th, R. · W. · Joseph Eichbaum, Grand Master. Seventy-six lodges represented; three hundred and eighty-nine upon the roll. Four past grand masters present.

In the report of a committee of past grand masters, appointed to try the charges preferred against the master of a subordinate lodge for failing to have the full report of the committee upon Cerneauism read therein as directed by the grand master, he was found guilty and censured. The accompanying resolutions were unanimously approved, the third being as follows:

Resolved, That an edict of a right worshipful grand master emanates from the inherent powers of his office as well as from those conferred by the Ahiman Rezon, and has the authority of masonic law.

The following extract is taken from the address of the retiring grand master:

By information received from the district deputy grand masters I learn that none of their lodge-rooms are being used as places of meeting by said Cerneau body, and that very few of their members are connected therewith. Some, however, refuse to answer whether they are connected with it or not; being instigated by unscrupulous persons from other jurisdictions to disregard the law of this grand lodge. I am more than ever satisfied that if that institution is permitted to set up its bodies in Pennsylvania the harmony of our subordinate lodges will be imperiled, as it has already been to some extent.

After installation the new grand master also delivered an address, outlining his policy, and exhorting his brethren to renewed zeal and fidelity to the principles of the beloved order.

A resolution of thanks and a past grand master's jewel was presented to Bro. Eichbaum in appreciation of his valued services.

The portraits are those of Bros. S. C. Perkins and S. B. Dick, past grand masters.

Bro. Richard Vaux submitted another of his able reports on correspondence, which includes a cordial greeting of Minnesota and general approval with a single exception:

We deeply regret to find that the brethren of Minnesota have been led away from the only foundation of freemasonry, by seeking what is

known as "an act of incorporation" from the profane legislature of the state. We have found, after long experience, that it is most unwise, and often perilous, to put the body of freemasons under the control of profane legislation. It will yet be found to be so where it has been done.

Individually we are very much of the same opinion, even if it has proven smooth sailing up to the present writing.

Speaking of Bro. Pierson's affinity for alleged poetry he says:

We rather think this age will not be marked in history by the contributions of our brethren to the poetic art.

Respectfully referred to Bro. Wheeler, of Connecticut, with power to act.

R. : W. : C. P. MacCalla, Grand Master; R. : W. : Michael Nisbet reëlected Grand Secretary; R. : W. : Richard Vaux, chairman of the committee on correspondence; all of Philadelphia.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1889.

The fourteenth annual communication was held in Charlottetown, June 24th, M. : W. : John Yeo, Grand Master. Ten lodges represented; twelve upon the roll. One honorary past grand master present.

A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring past grand master for the very able manner with which he had presided over their deliberations for the past fourteen years.

No report on foreign correspondence.

M. : W. : Neil McKelvie, Summerside, Grand Master; R. : W. : B. W. Higgs, Charlottetown, reëlected Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC, 1889.

The nineteenth annual communication was held in Montreal, Jan. 30th and 31st, M. : W. : H. L. Robinson, Grand Master. Fifty-two lodges represented; fifty-nine upon the roll. Four past grand masters present. Our representative absent.

The deaths of Bros. Thomas White, past grand master, and C. P. Reid, first grand chaplain, were announced.

The annual address stated that M. : W. : Richard Walkem, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, had accepted the

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Under the head of Ohio he throws the following additional light upon a paragraph of the grand master's address concerning an attempt to introduce the so-called Cerneau rite in that jurisdiction:

This spurious business found its way from Ohio into Oregon this last fall, and succeeded in getting almost one entire lodge to take the "degrees." Soon, however, it was exposed, but the head of the fraud, Burt, after taking about \$800, fled without finishing his job.

This Calvin C. Burt has a particularly odoriferous record, both as a man and mason. He was master of a lodge at Keyport, N. J., in 1864, the charter of which was surrendered to the grand master in person, on account of the irregular way in which he conducted its affairs. Charges were then preferred in the grand lodge, and he was expelled by a unanimous vote. In 1868 he appealed to that body to review its former proceedings, and the resolution of expulsion was rescinded for a technical informality, leaving him an unaffiliated mason under charges before his grand lodge. In 1878 he turned up in Michigan, claiming the right of visitation by the possession of a dimit from a New York lodge, dated May 27th, 1863, a year before his appearance on the other side of the Hudson river. He was then engaged in peddling the alleged Rite of Memphis, having been smart enough to secure a copyright on its name and ritual, a copy of the letter being deposited with the librarian of congress, and can be seen by those who desire to inspect it. In 1863 he sold his right to Dr. Darius Wilson, of Lowell, Mass., for \$1,000, who dispenses the ninety-six degrees for the nominal sum of \$15, throwing in the thirty-six degrees of the Rite of Mizriam as a still further inducement to the victim. In October, 1878, he applied to a lodge at Battle Creek for membership, which fact being brought to the attention of the grand master, he directed the master to retain the original New York dimit and deliver it to him at the next meeting of the grand lodge, Jan. 28th, 1889. The annual address states the case at considerable length, the following being the conclusion:

If the plagues that were inflicted upon Egypt, during that unhappy period, were any greater than those inflicted on your grand master by

the numerous letters of inquiry regarding this carpet-bagger and his rite, I am fully prepared to sympathize with Moses in his desire to depart the country. Last week I learned that Michigan Lodge No. 50, located in this city (Jackson), had preferred charges against the said Calvin C. Burt, and expelled him by nearly a unanimous vote, for the crime of perjury, and he has brought the case, by appeal, to this grand lodge.

The matter was referred to a special committee of three past grand masters, who reported next year that after a due consideration of the case the specification was deemed insufficient, and recommended that the decision of the lodge be reversed and the charges dismissed. A full discussion ensued, terminating in the adoption of the following substitute by a unanimous vote:

WHEREAS, The said Calvin C. Burt, in his answer to the charges mentioned in the report of the committee, states that he is not amenable to a masonic body working according to the York Rite, and that he severed his connection with such York Rite some fifteen years since, and, further, that he acknowledges allegiance only to what he calls the Egyptian Masonic Rite of Memphis, of which he claims to be presiding officer, and

WHEREAS, Said so-called Egyptian Masonic Rite of Memphis is not recognized by this grand lodge as masonic, therefore

Resolved, That this grand lodge will refuse and does hereby refuse to examine and decide the appeal of said Burt on its merits; and, the said Burt having by his said answer shown that he has renounced freemasonry, this grand lodge orders that he be and stand expelled from all the rights and benefits of masonry.

This is but a single chapter in the history of one of the leading disseminators of another and still more deceptive rite; no wonder that it has created dissensions among the craft wherever introduced. In Oregon it was fortunately stamped out by a circular promptly issued by the grand master.

Although the grand lodge has to borrow money to meet its current expenses, still the names of members are printed in full each year.

M.: W.: Christopher Taylor, Dayton, Grand Master; M.: W.: S. F. Chadwick, Salem, Grand Secretary, and also chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1888.

At the quarterly communication held in June the committee of past grand masters previously appointed to consider the constituting of bodies commonly known as Cerneau masons submitted a somewhat lengthy report, together with the following resolutions, which were unanimously approved:

Resolved, That if, as alleged, the organization known as the consistory of the Cerneau rite claims the power or authority or right to confer the three degrees of ancient freemasonry, it is not consistent with the duties of members of lodges subordinate to this grand lodge to seek or retain membership in that organization.

Resolved, That the permission by a subordinate lodge for the use of its place of meeting for the practice of the Cerneau rite, or for any other purpose than the one recognized as masonic, is unauthorized and improper.

Resolved, That this grand lodge expressly declines to enter upon any discussion of the history, use or legitimacy of any body claiming to confer what is known as the high degrees in freemasonry, or to be committed to the recognition of any such body as being masonic, or as identified with or a part of ancient craft masonry.

The offer of Bro. T. R. Patton, grand treasurer, to defray the entire expense of frescoing Egyptian Hall of the Masonic Temple in the very highest style of the art, at an estimated cost of \$4,200, was accepted, "provided the donor would first place in its hands sufficient security to guarantee the payment of the full amount of the contract, so that the right worshipful grand lodge should be held harmless and free from any possible liability for the same or any part thereof." Assignments of \$5,200 in ground rents were accordingly placed in the hands of the committee, and it is presumed that the work was done satisfactorily, although no further mention of it appears in the abstract of proceedings. The excessive caution in accepting a costly gift, however, appears very singular to a western mason, but then Pennsylvania prides itself in being peculiar.

The grand master reported that the box from the corner stone of the old hall on Chestnut street had been opened and its contents found to be damaged by moisture, with the exception of the gold coin.

At the quarterly communication held in December officers were elected for the ensuing year, the annual report submitted, and the finances adjusted for another twelve months.

The annual communication was held in Philadelphia, Dec. 27th, R. . W. . Joseph Eichbaum, Grand Master. Seventy-six lodges represented; three hundred and eighty-nine upon the roll. Four past grand masters present.

In the report of a committee of past grand masters, appointed to try the charges preferred against the master of a subordinate lodge for failing to have the full report of the committee upon Cerneauism read therein as directed by the grand master, he was found guilty and censured. The accompanying resolutions were unanimously approved, the third being as follows:

Resolved, That an edict of a right worshipful grand master emanates from the inherent powers of his office as well as from those conferred by the Ahiman Rezon, and has the authority of masonic law.

The following extract is taken from the address of the retiring grand master:

By information received from the district deputy grand masters I learn that none of their lodge-rooms are being used as places of meeting by said Cerneau body, and that very few of their members are connected therewith. Some, however, refuse to answer whether they are connected with it or not; being instigated by unscrupulous persons from other jurisdictions to disregard the law of this grand lodge. I am more than ever satisfied that if that institution is permitted to set up its bodies in Pennsylvania the harmony of our subordinate lodges will be imperiled, as it has already been to some extent.

After installation the new grand master also delivered an address, outlining his policy, and exhorting his brethren to renewed zeal and fidelity to the principles of the beloved order.

A resolution of thanks and a past grand master's jewel was presented to Bro. Eichbaum in appreciation of his valued services.

The portraits are those of Bros. S. C. Perkins and S. B. Dick, past grand masters.

Bro. Richard Vaux submitted another of his able reports on correspondence, which includes a cordial greeting of Minnesota and general approval with a single exception:

We deeply regret to find that the brethren of Minnesota have been led away from the only foundation of freemasonry, by seeking what is

known as "an act of incorporation" from the profane legislature of the state. We have found, after long experience, that it is most unwise, and often perilous, to put the body of freemasons under the control of profane legislation. It will yet be found to be so where it has been done.

Individually we are very much of the same opinion, even if it has proven smooth sailing up to the present writing.

Speaking of Bro. Pierson's affinity for alleged poetry he says:

We rather think this age will not be marked in history by the contributions of our brethren to the poetic art.

Respectfully referred to Bro. Wheeler, of Connecticut, with power to act.

R. : W. : C. P. MacCalla, Grand Master; R. : W. : Michael Nisbet reëlected Grand Secretary; R. : W. : Richard Vaux, chairman of the committee on correspondence; all of Philadelphia.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1889.

The fourteenth annual communication was held in Charlottetown, June 24th, M. : W. : John Yeo, Grand Master. Ten lodges represented; twelve upon the roll. One honorary past grand master present.

A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring past grand master for the very able manner with which he had presided over their deliberations for the past fourteen years.

No report on foreign correspondence.

M. : W. : Neil McKelvie, Summerside, Grand Master; R. : W. : B. W. Higgs, Charlottetown, reëlected Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC, 1889.

The nineteenth annual communication was held in Montreal, Jan. 30th and 31st, M. : W. : H. L. Robinson, Grand Master. Fifty-two lodges represented; fifty-nine upon the roll. Four past grand masters present. Our representative absent.

The deaths of Bros. Thomas White, past grand master, and C. P. Reid, first grand chaplain, were announced.

The annual address stated that M. : W. : Richard Walkem, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, had accepted the

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Kuykendall, Minnesota duly noticed. We failed to comprehend his citation from Bro. Brown's address relative to our trial code, being misled by the printer, but upon referring to the proceedings of 1888 found that it was a form of model by-laws for subordinate lodges which he was criticising, and not the grand lodge regulations. The latter clearly set forth the manner in which the lodge shall pronounce its judgment. Another form was presented and adopted last year, with the objectionable features eliminated. The great trouble with by-laws as a rule is that they attempt too much. The name, time of stated meetings, price of the degrees, and order of business is about all that is essentially necessary. Everything else is a matter of grand lodge regulation, and the reiteration is superfluous.

He concludes a quotation from the same address upon completing the unfinished work of another lodge as follows:

We fully concur in the foregoing, except in the words "or may become."

It was probably meant that the brother *may become* a member of the lodge which initiated him upon signing its by-laws. He certainly could not become a member of the lodge which completed the work except by affiliation, and in this jurisdiction as in many others he is not a member of a lodge until he has signed the by-laws, no matter where or by whom the third degree was conferred upon him.

The question of avouchment, under the head of California, is Greek to this committee, and we have not a copy of the proceedings referred to (1887) within reach at the present writing. From both enquiry and personal knowledge we believe it to be a fact, nevertheless, that a visiting brother must pass as severe a scrutiny to gain admission into a Minnesota lodge as in any other jurisdiction in the known masonic world.

M. : W. : William Daley, Rawlins, Grand Master; R. : W. : W. L. Kuykendall, Cheyenne, reëlected Grand Secretary, and is also chairman of the committee on correspondence.

Fraternally submitted,

IRVING TODD,

For the Committee.

M. Smith writes the report on foreign correspondence. It is most courteously noticed, although we must dissent following:

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valuable life members are those who pay their annual dues and attend the lodge meetings as regularly as possible. Lodges ought to remit the dues of those brethren who are not able to do so far they should go and no farther.

statements precisely.

At the head of Connecticut the following explanation is given at the past masters' convention:

It is the custom in Tennessee for several years that, some time after the session of the grand lodge, a few past masters would hold a convention of past masters for the purpose of installing the masters of subordinate lodges, the *new ones* who had never been installed in the particular fashion of these brethren. This was done in the room where the sessions of the grand lodge were held. The grand lodge paid no attention to this work of the past masters. Brethren who worked the thing had a good time, especially at the first. Thus the work was done and time passed. A few years ago some of these same brethren formed some organization, elected permanent officers, adopted a constitution. Some means the work appeared in the printed proceedings, and so on. The grand lodge has never taken any stock in this matter. The ritual used has no place whatever in this con-

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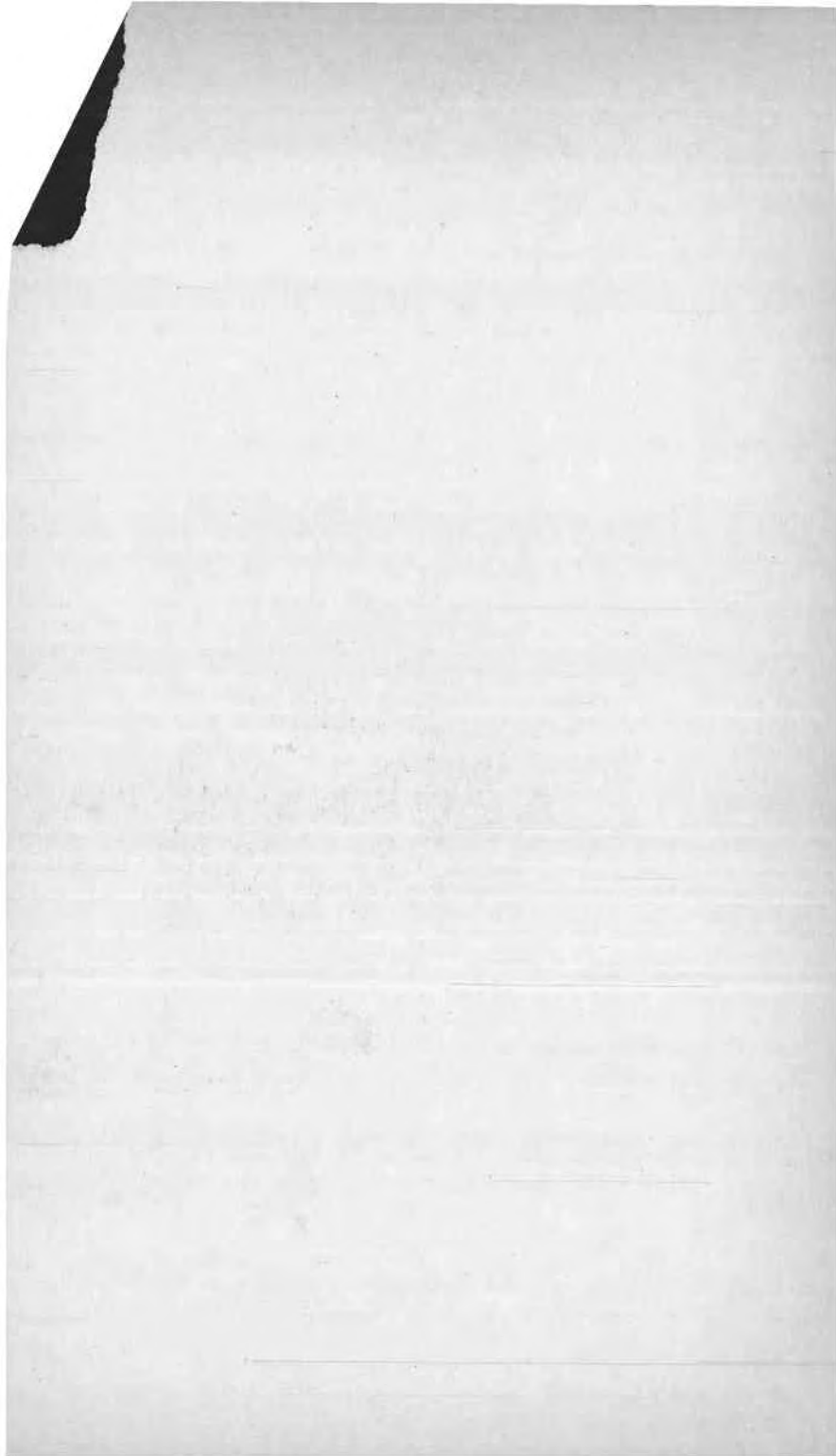
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Bro. F. M. Smith writes the report on foreign correspondence. Minnesota is most courteously noticed, although we must dissent from the following:

From what the grand master says about book-keeping the conclusion can be easily reached that the grand secretary and grand treasurer are deficient in the knowledge of a thorough business-like system of book-keeping.

No grand lodge in the country has probably a more faithful or efficient grand treasurer than ours of Minnesota; his books and accounts during the past twelve years are models of perspicuity and absolute correctness. As the broad mantle of charity was most generously displayed upon that occasion and the books balanced to date it is only justice to an unusually competent official to make the correction, without prejudice to our late brother who has so recently rendered his final account.

Under the head of Colorado he observes:

The only *valuable life members* are those who pay their annual dues promptly and attend the lodge meetings as regularly as possible. Lodges have the right to remit the dues of those brethren who are not able to pay. Thus far they should go and no farther.

Our sentiments precisely.

Under the head of Connecticut the following explanation is given of the past masters' convention:

It has been the custom in Tennessee for several years that, some time during the session of the grand lodge, a few past masters would hold a convocation of past masters for the purpose of installing the masters elect of the subordinate lodges, the *new ones* who had never been installed after the particular fashion of these brethren. This was done in a room adjoining the room where the sessions of the grand lodge were held. The grand lodge paid no attention to this work of the past masters. The brethren who worked the thing had a good time, especially when they found a good case. Thus the work was done and time passed on, but a few years ago some of these same brethren formed some sort of an organization, elected permanent officers, adopted a constitution, and by some means the work appeared in the printed proceedings, and here we are. The grand lodge has never taken any stock in this sideshow whatever. The ritual used has no place whatever in this convocation.

It may be unauthorized, still not particularly objectionable as obviating the difficulty sometimes experienced in country lodges of obtaining a sufficient number of past masters to lawfully install the master elect.

M. · W. · J. T. Williamson, Columbia, Grand Master; R. · W. · John Frizzell, Nashville, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. F. M. Smith, Jackson, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

TEXAS, 1888.

A special communication was held in Austin, May 16th, for the purpose of dedicating the state capitol, with an address by Bro. H. M. Garwood, grand orator.

The fifty-third annual communication was held in Houston, Dec. 11th to 13th, M. · W. · Anson Rainey, Grand Master. Two hundred and eighty-nine lodges represented; five hundred and twenty-five upon the roll. Twelve past grand masters present, including our representative.

Ten dispensations issued for new lodges.

Among the decisions reported are found the following:

3. That a dimitted past master could, with the proper assistance, confer the past master's degree upon a master elect as part of his installation.

7. That it was an ancient custom to preside covered, and must be complied with.

13. No deformed person is eligible for the degree of masonry, hence a "reel-footed" man is not.

16. Betting on a horse race is gambling, and any brother betting on a horse race is guilty of unmasonic conduct.

18. The loss of an eye does not prevent an entered apprentice from being advanced.

24. A brother who had never served as warden was elected master. His election was a nullity, and the former master holds over. He being absent from the state, the duties of master devolve upon the senior warden.

25. The grand master has no authority to grant a dispensation for a lodge to hold an election, where the lodge failed to hold an election at the appointed time, it matters not what cause prevented.

36. A subordinate lodge cannot change its meetings from two to one per month without the sanction of the grand lodge.

A "skillfully and cunningly built altar" was presented to the grand lodge by Bro. Otto Glassnop, for which a vote of thanks and an appropriation of \$150 in cash were returned.

The report on foreign correspondence was submitted by Bro. F. M. Matthews. From his friendly review of Minnesota we extract the following:

A fine phototype of P. G. M. H. R. Wells forms the frontispiece. A pleasant smile plays over the face, and the whole suggests that the original is not wanting in "the milk of human kindness." Midway the volume is a likeness of P. G. M. C. H. Benton. This face, if we read aright, with its firmly compressed lips, indicates firmness and decision of character in no small degree.

We notice that in this grand lodge, while the tellers are distributing and collecting the ballots during the election of officers, the regular business proceeds, stopping only long enough to announce the result after each ballot, thus, 'tis true, saving some time, but as it seems to us must be very inconvenient.

Our proceedings state that "pending the count of the ballots for," etc., which is literally correct, as it is only after a ballot has been declared closed and the teller instructed to proceed with the count that other business is transacted, to be stopped summarily when the result is ready to be announced. It saves several hours of valuable time, for otherwise the members would have to wait in silence fifteen or twenty minutes after the close of each ballot before another could be ordered. How the brother obtained his erroneous notions we are at loss to explain.

M. W. W. S. Fly, Gonzales, Grand Master; R. W. W. F. Swain, Houston, Grand Secretary; Bro. T. M. Matthews, Athens, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

UTAH, 1889.

A special communication was held Nov. 5th, 1888, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Union Depot in Ogden, at which Bro. P. L. Williams, grand orator, delivered an address and Bro. A. S. Condon read an original poem.

The eighteenth annual communication was held in Salt Lake City, Jan. 15th and 16th, M. W. Samuel Paul, grand master. The seven lodges all represented; six past grand masters present, including our representative.

VIRGINIA, 1888.

The one hundred and eleventh annual communication was held in Richmond, Dec. 11th to 13th, M. W. W. F. Drinkard, Grand Master. One hundred and thirty-eight lodges represented; two hundred and twenty-two upon the roll. Three past grand masters present.

Four dispensations for new lodges; one lodge reinstated.

The death of Bro. William Terry, past grand master, was announced.

The following is taken from the decisions:

13. A profane who has lost the second and third joints of the index finger of the right hand is eligible to the degrees.

Evidently the perfect youth does not command a premium in the Old Dominion.

Speaking of the new temple, the corner stone of which was laid Nov. 14th, the grand master says:

In this connection I cannot forbear to express my high appreciation of the services which the trustees of the temple association have rendered to the craft in Virginia. If we have money enough to pay for the new temple before we dedicate it, it is because they have actually made it for us. For every dollar of cash that we have placed in their hands they have returned to us, I might say, two. The cost of the temple, including the site, will not be less than \$130,000, or \$14 for each affiliated master mason in Virginia, and I am sure that I am within bounds when say that the trustees have made more than \$50,000 of that sum by judicious investments. They have not hesitated to sell and re-invest whenever they could, by so doing, make money for you. As grand master and deputy grand master I have for years been invited to attend their meetings, and I affirm without hesitation that, in obtaining their services, you have secured for nothing an amount of business talent that you could not have purchased with all the money in your treasury.

The retiring grand master presented his usual report on foreign correspondence; Minnesota courteously noticed.

Under the head of New Hampshire he remarks:

Bro. Wait holds that three master masons, one being master or warden, constitute a lawful master's lodge. So in Virginia, as decided by our grand lodge.

Our construction is that, as a charter can only be lawfully granted to seven master masons, it requires the same number of

members present to transact any business whatever, other than the conferring of degrees. In the later case the requisite number may be made up from visitors, provided the master, a warden, or a past master be present to open the lodge.

The proceedings close with an interesting extract from a centennial address by Bro. W. I. Clopton, giving a brief history of Manchester Lodge No. 14.

M. : W. : R. T. Craighill, Lynchburg, Grand Master; R. : W. : W. B. Isaacs, Richmond, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. W. F. Drinkard, Richmond, continued as chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

WASHINGTON, 1889.

The thirty-second annual communication was held in Olympia, June 11th and 12th, M. : W. : N. S. Porter, Grand Master. Forty-eight lodges represented; forty-nine upon the roll. Five past grand masters present, including our representative.

Five dispensations for new lodges issued during the year.

The following appears among the approved decisions:

A charter is not a *contract*, but the *evidence* of a grant. This grant was in consideration of certain conditions precedent. The performance of which by the brethren who were to constitute the lodge was recognized by the action of the grand lodge in making the grant. The possession of this parchment by the lodge is *evidence* that the executive officer has performed his duty, and his report thereof becomes a matter of record in the grand lodge. The loss of the charter, therefore, is simply the loss of documentary evidence once in possession of the grantee and deprives the lodge of no rights or privileges whatever, but simply deprives it of the written evidence that such rights were conferred upon it, and requires only a ministerial act to restore it to the lodge.

This reasoning is hardly upon a sound basis. We are taught that a lodge is * * * * * and charter or warrant empowering them to work. If the brethren assembled have no warrant then it is not a lodge, only a meeting of masons. The fact that they have had a charter and are entitled to a duplicate of the lost document upon proper application has no bearing whatever upon their existing status.

The committee on obituaries in noticing the deaths of Bros. Rob Morris, of Kentucky, and R. A. Jones, of Minnesota, report as follows:

In the death of both these eminent men masonry has lost bright votaries whose lives we may well emulate, and in token of respect and esteem for our deceased brethren we would recommend that suitable mourning tablets be set apart and printed with our proceedings.

The report on correspondence was begun by Bro. Louis Zeigler, but came to rather an abrupt conclusion before reaching Minnesota owing to the destructive fire of Aug. 4th, which burned his office in Spokane Falls and all the unreviewed proceedings. He then resumed labor in the operative sense, putting up a five-story building in ninety-five days, and no material within one hundred and fifty to five hundred miles. The representative of Minnesota is evidently no drone.

Under the head of Ohio he observes:

In our humble judgment it is the duty of every mason to obey the orders of his superiors in office, and the mandates of the governing powers of his jurisdiction, without resistance or murmur. But should these orders or mandates prove oppressive, there is a proper time and place to right every wrong. Grand lodges cannot afford to be oppressive, and grand masters cannot properly be despotic. If perchance they are, our benign laws will right the oppressive evil and secure to every mason his just dues in due course of time. Freemasonry cannot tolerate insubordination nor for one moment countenance rebellion for any cause.

M. : W. : W. A. Fairweather, Tacoma, Grand Master; R. : W. : T. M. Reed, Olympia, reëlected Grand Secretary, and chairman of the committee on correspondence.

WISCONSIN, 1889.

The forty-fifth annual communication was held in Milwaukee, June 11th and 12th, M. : W. : Myron Reed, Grand Master. Two hundred lodges represented; two hundred and thirteen upon the roll. Seven past grand masters present, our representative not among the number.

Four dispensations for new lodges issued during the year.

The deaths of Bros. B. T. Kavanaugh first grand master, J. P. C. Cottrill, past grand master, M. V. Cothren, past deputy grand

master, John Turner, past senior grand warden, and Orlando Foster, past senior grand warden, were announced. Our neighboring jurisdiction was heavily afflicted last year.

The following legislation was enacted:

Resolved, That a lodge shall lose jurisdiction of rejected material when petitioner has ceased to be a member of its jurisdiction for five successive years; *provided*, however, that action shall not be had upon any such petition until at least five weeks' notice of the reception thereof shall be given personally or by mail to the worshipful master or secretary of the lodge in which such material was rejected.

This will do for an entering wedge in the perpetual jurisdiction fossil.

The petition of a former grand secretary for restoration to the rights and benefits of masonry was not granted, although seven years of exemplary conduct have elapsed since the unfortunate occurrence. Perhaps they are awaiting the tardy memorial page.

Resolutions were adopted prohibiting the initiation or affiliation of any person engaged in selling intoxicating liquors as a beverage, excluding liquors from lodge and ante-rooms, and declaring their intemperate use a masonic crime.

A lodge at Chippewa Falls declined to receive a remission of its dues, tendered it by reason of the loss of hall by fire.

Three special communications were held during the year for laying corner stones, the proceedings appearing in an appendix.

Bro. Duncan McGregor submitted his third report on foreign correspondence. Of Minnesota he says: "The volume of proceedings is attractive, well arranged and interesting."

M. . W. . Myron Reed, Waupaca, Grand Master, and R. . W. . J. W. Laffin, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary, both reelected; Duncan McGregor, Platville, continued as chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

WYOMING, 1888.

The fourteen annual communication was held in Laramie, Dec. 4th, M. . W. . N. R. Davis, Grand Master. Five lodges represented; ten upon the roll. Two past grand masters present.

The report on correspondence was submitted by Bro. W. L.

Kuykendall, Minnesota duly noticed. We failed to comprehend his citation from Bro. Brown's address relative to our trial code, being misled by the printer, but upon referring to the proceedings of 1888 found that it was a form of model by-laws for subordinate lodges which he was criticising, and not the grand lodge regulations. The latter clearly set forth the manner in which the lodge shall pronounce its judgment. Another form was presented and adopted last year, with the objectionable features eliminated. The great trouble with by-laws as a rule is that they attempt too much. The name, time of stated meetings, price of the degrees, and order of business is about all that is essentially necessary. Everything else is a matter of grand lodge regulation, and the reiteration is superfluous.

He concludes a quotation from the same address upon completing the unfinished work of another lodge as follows:

We fully concur in the foregoing, except in the words "or may become."

It was probably meant that the brother *may become* a member of the lodge which initiated him upon signing its by-laws. He certainly could not become a member of the lodge which completed the work except by affiliation, and in this jurisdiction as in many others he is not a member of a lodge until he has signed the by-laws, no matter where or by whom the third degree was conferred upon him.

The question of avouchment, under the head of California, is Greek to this committee, and we have not a copy of the proceedings referred to (1887) within reach at the present writing. From both enquiry and personal knowledge we believe it to be a fact, nevertheless, that a visiting brother must pass as severe a scrutiny to gain admission into a Minnesota lodge as in any other jurisdiction in the known masonic world.

M. : W. : William Daley, Rawlins, Grand Master; R. : W. : W. L. Kuykendall, Cheyenne, reëlected Grand Secretary, and is also chairman of the committee on correspondence.

Fraternally submitted,

IRVING TODD,

For the Committee.

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HENRY R. DENNY,
GRAND MASTER, 1884, 1885.

LIST OF OFFICERS
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1890.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	OFFICE.
JACOB A. KIESTER.....	Blue Earth City.....	M. W. Grand Master.
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CHARLES D. EDY.....	St. Paul.....	W. L. Junior G. Warden.
JOSEPH F. THOMSON.....	Minneapolis.....	S. W. Grand Treasurer.
EDWARD MONTGOMERY.....	St. Paul.....	R. W. Grand Secretary.
F. E. SENSE.....	St. Cloud.....	W. G. Grand Organ.
REV. L. D. BARTON.....	Minneapolis.....	W. G. Grand Chaplain.
MR. C. SWEETSER.....	Wabasha.....	W. G. Senior Grand Deacon.
C. L. BANTEN.....	Faribault.....	W. G. Junior Grand Deacon.
H. T. KING.....	St. Cloud.....	W. G. Grand Marshal.
CHAS. SWEETSER.....	Morrisville.....	W. G. Grand Sword Bearer.
A. D. COUNTRYMAN.....	Appleton.....	W. G. Grand Toward Bearer.
ELIAS LINT.....	Preston.....	W. G. Senior Grand Steward.
J. S. NELSON.....	Le Sueur.....	W. G. Junior Grand Steward.
ALEX. E. ROSS.....	Maplefield.....	W. G. Grand Purveyor.
JEAN C. FISCHER.....	St. Paul.....	W. G. Grand Tyler.

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